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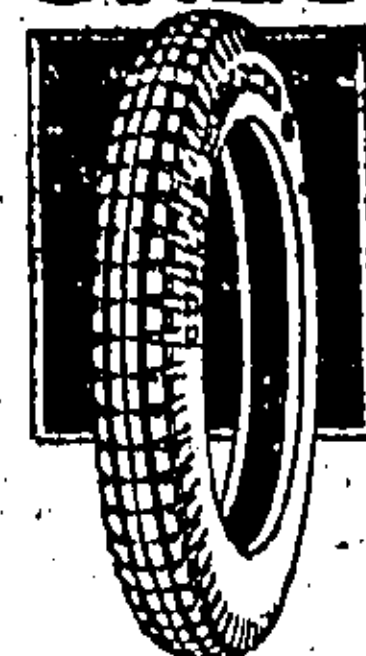
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## ALLEGED RAPE OF A NIECE.

Slander Action Brought Against Fiance.

\$10,000 DAMAGES CLAIMED.

Grave accusations made by the fiance of a young Chinese girl, against her uncle, regarding an alleged offence upon her eight years ago, formed the subject of a slander action for \$10,000, brought in the Supreme Court this morning, before the Chief Justice, (Sir Joseph H. Kemp).

Plaintiff was Se Siu-wan, of 15, Ma Tau Wei Road, Hungghom. He sued a Police interpreter at the Hungghom Police Station, Chan Woon-fun, for defamation, uttered and published in the hearing of various persons, on the night of November 8, or in the early hours of November 9 last.

Defendant denied either uttering or publishing the words complained of, or any words of similar purport.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. A. el-Arculli, appeared for plaintiff. Defendant conducted his own case.

Mr. Jenkin, opening the case, said that plaintiff was a partner in the Chung Wo Leather firm. He was 24 years old, and unmarried, and at the time of the alleged slander was living at the residence of his elder brother, Se Chi-kwan, at Nos. 15 and 17, Ma Tau Wei Road, Hungghom. A number of members of the elder brother's family also lived there, including his wife, his concubines, sisters, a son, three daughters, and several amahs. This fact was important showing as it did that there were a number of people living at the place.

One of the daughters was Se Ah-mui. She was now 21 years old. Chinese reckoning, and was the girl, the matter of whose virginity was in question. She was the fiancee of defendant.

Suspicious Swain.

It appeared that on the night of Saturday, November 8 last, plaintiff had gone out to a party. Defendant and the girl came back about 11 o'clock to the house in Ma Tau Wei Road. Defendant, after being there a few minutes, spoke to the girl's father, saying that he had been in doubt as to the girl's chastity. He had tried to get her to see a doctor, but she had refused. She had got as far as the threshold of the doctor's door when she so decided.

Defendant then went on to make a certain statement involving the plaintiff. There was naturally some consternation in the household when the news got round, as the girl had lived all her life in the house, and no question of such a kind had ever occurred before. Her mother was the No. 3 concubine, and had another daughter named Ah Jan.

The Accusation.

The next important thing to happen was that after a good deal of turmoil the girl's mother and sister went to get the plaintiff. He arrived some time after, and later saw the defendant in the common sitting room of the houses. It was then that defendant made the accusation of the offence alleged to have been committed against the girl, eight years previously. After a great deal of excitement, defendant left the house, saying he would take up the matter with the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Solicitor Consulted.

In view of the defence now filed, denying that such words were spoken, said Mr. Jenkin, "it is important to see what happened subsequently. On the following morning, a Monday, plaintiff went to see his solicitor, Mr. Arculli, who wrote a letter to defendant. The letter was not answered, and, as a result of further conversation, at which defendant was not present, a writ was issued on November 17, claiming damages for defamation. Two or three days after that a fellow-Police interpreter to defendant, Laung Shing-yu, intervened on his behalf, and a meeting was arranged to take place at the To To Sin Restaurant. This took place on Saturday, November 22, six people being present, including the girl's father, and a clerk from Mr. Arculli's office.

Apology Agreed Upon.

At this meeting it was finally agreed that defendant should sign a letter of apology to be

## STRANGE SHOOTING DRAMA.

Three Shots at Master Barber.

COOK STABBED IN SIDE.

A sensational shooting drama, in which four armed robbers participated, took place on the ground floor of 601, Reclamation Street, Yau-mai, shortly before ten o'clock last night. The floor is occupied by the San Pa Sat barber shop. Three shots were fired at the master of the concern, Wong Ng, who collapsed.

Ho Lu, a cook on the premises, told the Police that at about 9.55 o'clock four foks of the shop went out to drink tea, leaving one after the other. About five minutes after the last one had departed the cook saw four Chinese approach the shop. One of them asked if he could have his ears cleaned. Suspecting nothing Ho obliged the prospective customer, and, whilst he was preparing for the operation, one of the intruders went into the back yard.

Robbed of \$250.

On returning, this man is alleged to have levelled a revolver, which he produced from his girdle, at the master. The other three robbers then set upon Wong Ng and dragged him to the kitchen, where they searched him and relieved him of \$250 in bank notes.

In a vain attempt to gain his freedom, Wong Ng struggled with the desperadoes. The cook then tried to run away in search of assistance, but he was seen by the robbers and two of them set on him. One produced a knife and stabbed him in the side.

Bound and Gagged.

The master blew a Police whistle, and it was then that he was fired at by one of the men. The cook was bound and gagged. After the robbers had run away, the Police were sent for. A loaded revolver and a torch were found lying in a lane at the rear of the shop.

The injured men were conveyed to hospital.

drafted in Mr. Arculli's office, and also that he should give a dinner at which he would make a public apology, besides setting off fireworks. All the persons in the household when the alleged slander was uttered were to be present at the dinner.

Defendant called the next Monday morning at Mr. Arculli's office to get the draft letter of apology. He was told it was not yet ready. He telephoned the next afternoon again asking for the draft letter. The draft was sent to him, with a covering letter on November 25.

Objected to Paying Costs.

"The stumbling block apparently," said counsel, "is that the letter stipulated that defendant should pay plaintiff's costs up to date. This was over and above what had been agreed upon at the dinner. At any rate, nothing more was heard from defendant until December 4, nine days later. He then wrote a letter in the following strain:—

Dear Sir:—

The statement contained in your draft letter sent to me on November 25 is absolutely untrue. I have never at any time accused Se Siu-wan of having carnal knowledge of Se Ah-mui, either by force, or with or without her consent. Nor do I believe, or have I ever believed or had reason to believe he ever had such dealings. Under these circumstances it is impossible for me to sign any such document as your draft letter."

Counsel went on to say that defendant had been a long time adopting that attitude. He would call a number of witnesses who were present on the morning of November 26, when the alleged slander took place, and also people who attended the dinner at the To To Sin Restaurant. He also wished to prove that defendant called at Mr. Arculli's office for the draft, which he had agreed to sign.

"Unless all that evidence is false I submit there can be only one possible result," Mr. Jenkin concluded.

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## BOYCOTT BY CAR DRIVERS.

Mrs. Matheson and Her Payments.

A REASONABLE EXCUSE.

The adjourned case in which Mrs. G. L. Matheson, of "Huntington," Stubbs Road, is complainant against Lei Pui, driver of a public vehicle who is accused of having refused to take Mrs. Matheson's fare without any reasonable excuse, was again mentioned before Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning.

It was disclosed at the first hearing that Mrs. Matheson had been boycotted for the past eight months by Chinese public car drivers. The reason suggested by Mr. Horace Lo (for the defence) was that Mrs. Matheson always underpaid the drivers.

Mrs. Matheson, it will be remembered, strongly contended that the boycott was the result of a chauffeur's licence being suspended for six months, when he was caught taking petrol from one of her guest's cars.

Mr. Lo this morning submitted that defendant's certain knowledge of Mrs. Matheson's underpayment of drivers was a very reasonable excuse for his refusing to take her fare.

A Day's Movements.

Mr. Lo asked Mrs. Matheson if she remembered that at the last hearing she had informed the Magistrate that she engaged a public car to take her to Lane, Crawford's, then on to the Dairy Farm, and then home.

Mrs. Matheson: That is so, and I go elsewhere I pay them accordingly.

Mr. Lo suggested that on the day in question, Mrs. Matheson went in defendant's car to Lane, Crawford, Dairy Farm, Lee Yu Kee, Kee Kee, P. & O. Buildings, Sui Fai Terrace, and then home. Mrs. Matheson: Not on that day. Mr. Lo: The time you engaged the car was over one hour and a half—I did not go to those places. I only went to Lane, Crawford's and the Dairy Farm. Another day, when I went to Kee Kee and the other places my daughter engaged the car, and I met her at the P. & O. Buildings.

Asked by Mr. Lo how much she paid the driver, Mrs. Matheson replied that she paid him \$1.60, sixty cents, being payment for waiting at Sui Fai Terrace.

90 Per Cent. Less.

Mr. Lo said that Mrs. Matheson paid about 90 per cent. less than the usual fare, and this she gradually decreased until the drivers refused to take her fare.

Mrs. Matheson—Certainly not. That is perfectly untrue.

Mr. Lo then suggested that the drivers accepted her fare for about a month more, because Mrs. Matheson had promised increased payment every time she hired a car.

Mrs. Matheson disagreed.

Mr. Lo—Cars Nos. 530 and 73 stopped driving you about a month before the happening of this incident.

Mrs. Matheson—I don't know. I can't remember dates; they are so immaterial.

Defendant then gave evidence. He said that he had been engaged twice before, the first occasion being for two hours and the second for two hours and a half. On both occasions he was paid \$1.50. On the first occasion the longest waiting was at the Dairy Farm, this being one hour. On the second occasion the longest wait was for half an hour outside Wing On. Each subsequent stop was for about 20 or 25 minutes. Defendant said that he should have been paid \$4.50 on the first occasion and \$4.75 on the second.

On May 15, said defendant, he told Mrs. Matheson partly in English and partly in Chinese, that he refused to take her because of her underpayments. He definitely demanded \$8 per hour and Mrs. Matheson disagreed.

In answer to the Magistrate, the driver said that even if the Police did take action against Mrs. Matheson, she would not pay him (defendant) more!

Witness added that he did not take action but decided that he would not take Mrs. Matheson's fare in future.

The hearing was adjourned to Friday at noon.

Over 15,700 gallons of cod liver oil were produced in the Magdalen Islands, in 1930. The production had a marketed value of \$9,080.

## FILIPINO BARBER SENT TO JAIL.

Guilty of Harbousing A Mui Tsai.

WOMAN RESPONSIBLE?

Further evidence in the case against Pedro Bhooy, who was charged with harbouring Chau Si-hung, a Chinese girl, aged 18 years, at 11, Granville Road, and 11, Chi Wo Street, on dates before May 30, was taken at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning.

The accused said that the woman responsible for the whole affair was in Court. She introduced him, and told him if he loved the girl, she could arrange the marriage.

Accused also stated that the woman Rosa told him that the legal ceremony consisted of buying beer and having a big party. He did this and he thought that he was legally married from then on.

The woman Rosa then went into the witness box and said that her full name was Rosa Ma, and she was a married woman. When the girl, Chan Si-hung, ran away from her mistress she took her in. Later accused came and lived in her house, together with the girl.

In summing up Mr. E. W. Hamilton said that he was of the opinion that the woman Rosa was responsible and as much to blame as the accused, but he had no option but to convict the accused.

Three months' hard labour was imposed.

## SOME RAIN.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:—

The typhoon is about 150 miles N.W. of the Bonins, moving East.

A depression is shown over Tongking.

Forecast:—S.E. winds; moderate; generally overcast; some rain.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.79 inch. Total since January 1—26.91 inches against an average of 27.90 inches—deficit 0.99 inch.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	78
Macao	77
Pratas Island	79
Phocow	76
Manila	81
Chefoo	84
Shanghai	68

## MOTOR ACCIDENT.

GIRL KNOCKED DOWN BY WARDEN'S CAR.

A motor accident, which involved Mr. J. Johnson, a warden at the Laichikok Prison, occurred on the Castle Peak Road at 4.45 o'clock yesterday.

Mr. Johnson was driving a car along Castle Peak Road and on nearing Cheung Sha Wan, a girl, Chan Ling-san (seven), suddenly emerged from under a verandah and ran across the road. She was carrying a fractured leg and a cut struck by the front of the car, re- above the eye.

The girl was taken to the Kowloon Hospital.

## STOLE A TOY.

AGED CHINESE AMAH SENT TO JAIL.

Mrs. R. J. Nunn appeared as complainant in the case against a Chinese woman Chan Sam, at the Kowloon Police Court to-day. The accused was charged with the theft of a toy motor-car from 3, Pratt Buildings on June 5.

Mrs. Nunn said that the accused was formerly in her employment, but was discharged as she was incompetent.

A folk from a marine dealer's stall in Upper Lascar Row (Faddy's Market) said that he purchased it from accused for \$8.

Accused said that she was told by the complainant to take the toy away, as it was not wanted.

Two months' imprisonment was imposed.

"Any fine, Your Worship?" asked the optimistic old lady, as she went down to the cells!

## DRIVER'S ERROR OF JUDGMENT.

Traffic Sergeant Averts A Smash.

STUBBS ROAD DANGERS.

Fung Ping-fan, driver of a private car, was summoned before Mr. W. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning, for having driven his car in a negligent manner in Stubbs Road.

Mr. Horace Lo appeared for the defendant and pleaded not guilty. Traffic Sgt. Guild said that he was driving a motor cycle combination along Stubbs Road toward the city. At the second bend above Sui Fai Terrace, he saw a Hong Kong Hotel bus coming toward him. Defendant's car was following the bus. Without any warning, defendant drove his car past the bus and cut in between the Sergeant and the bus. Wit- ness had to apply his brakes to avoid a smash.

Replying to Mr. Lo, Sergeant Guild said that it appeared to be a deliberate error of judgment on the part of defendant.

Mr. Lo: A man is quite liable to err in judgments of that sort?— Yes.

No Gross Negligence.

Mr. Lo pointed out that the defendant had driven for four years and had a clear record. The case was one of deliberate judgment whether rightly or wrongly. There was no deliberate gross negligence on the part of the defendant.

The Magistrate: In such a case the best thing is to exercise judgment in the most cautious manner. Stubbs Road is a difficult road to drive in.

Mr. Lo remarked that it was an accepted fact that most of the accidents caused at Home were mainly caused through some slow driven vehicle not giving way to some other more adventurous motorist.

A fine of \$20 was imposed.

An Obstruction.

Mr. E. Owen, of Lane Crawford's, was fined \$5 for having caused an obstruction with his car by parking it outside Lane, Crawford's, new restaurant at King's Theatre Building in Queen's Road Central. Defendant admitted having been cautioned fourteen months ago for a similar offence.

## HOME 'QUAKE.

MOST EXTENSIVE FOR 35 YEARS.

VIEWS OF EXPERTS.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Earth tremors are so rare in Britain that, although seismologists say the one which occurred on Sunday was the most extensive which has happened here for 35 years, most people slept through it undisturbed, and knew nothing of it until they read about it in the newspapers.

Light sleepers were conscious of a slight swaying of their beds and rattling of windows, crockery and pictures; and on the east coast, where the shock was most distinctly felt, many people rose to find if any commotion was apparent at sea.

Apparently the centre of disturbance was in the North Sea. Doctor Jeffreys, the Cambridge university seismologist, puts its intensity as four, as compared with an intensity of ten in the case of disastrous quakes involving great damage and loss of life. A few fallen chimney-pots was the extent of Sunday's damage, and although as a precaution the railway headquarters sent messages to all signalmen asking for reports of any effect on the embankments or lines, a careful examination revealed no damage.

In London it is thought the earthquake may have caused the burst of a water main which was discovered shortly afterwards in Shoreditch.—British Wireless Service.

## ISLAND AS TARGET.

H.M.S. MOORHEN TO BOMBARD SAU CHAU.

A notice to mariners posted at the Harbour Office states that H.M.S. Moorhen will carry out firing practice in the West River delta at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, June 11, using the Island of Sau Chau as a target.

## ACTION OVER SALE OF PIECE GOODS.

Appeal Against Ruling Dismissed.

ALLEGED FRAUD.

Judgment dismissing the appeal was given in the Full Court this morning in the case in which the Chip Chung Firm appealed against a judgment given to the Cheong Fat Loong Kee, by Mr. Justice Lindsell, in the Summary Court, for \$416.50, and costs.

The action arose out of supply and delivery of certain piece goods in which the parties concerned in the action had admittedly acted in good faith, but had suffered as a result of the fraud of a third party. Interesting points in connection with agency, and "holding out" of agents, were brought forward in the course of the case.

Mr. Lee-d'Almada, jun. (instructed by Messrs. Lo and Lo), appeared for the appellants, who were defendants in the Summary Court action, and the respondents, (plaintiffs in the lower Court), were represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon (instructed by Messrs. Russ and Company).

The Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C.) read his judgment as follows:—

Question of Evidence.

This is an appeal on the ground of law from a decision of Mr. Justice Lindsell, Puisne Judge, sitting in summary jurisdiction, giving judgment in favour of the plaintiffs. The facts are stated in his judgment in the Court below. There was no appeal on the ground of fact.

The first ground of appeal was that there was no evidence on which the learned Puisne Judge could find that the defendants had held out Lam Yau as having authority to pledge their credit. I think that this ground fails. It was admitted, and it could scarcely have been denied, that the defendants sent Lam Yau to make the representation to the plaintiffs. He visited the plaintiffs and he obtained goods from them on the credit of the defendants. It seems difficult to avoid the inference that he made the representation which he was sent to make, though he may not have done so in express words. In any case it cannot be said that there was no evidence.

That representation was never negatived until it was too late, and I think that it must be regarded as having, vis-a-vis the plaintiffs, continued during the various purchases to which the action relates, and as having caused the plaintiffs, on the occasion of each order, to alter their position for the worse. That being so, the defendants are estopped from denying the authority which they held out Lam Yau as possessing, unless they can show that this prima facie estoppel is excluded by some other consideration.

Sales Misrepresentation.

This introduces the second ground of appeal. It is remarked that a party is not estopped by a representation induced by the misrepresentation of the other side, and it is pointed out that the plaintiffs, by issuing notes which were not in the usual form for credit sales, misrepresented the sales as cash sales.

The remark and statement of fact are undoubtedly correct, but the holding out by the defendants took place before the misrepresentation by the plaintiffs as to the nature of the sales. The holding out relied on by way of estoppel was therefore not induced by the misrepresentation of the plaintiffs. Indeed, the plaintiffs' misrepresentation induced no representation at all on the part of the defendants. At most it confirmed the defendants in the belief which they had arrived at in reliance on the word of their own servant, Lam Yau, that they were doing business on a cash basis.

Would Have Failed.

It might, perhaps, have been argued that the plaintiffs on their side were estopped from saying that the sales were credit sales. I think that the argument would probably have failed, partly on the ground that the representation was not intended to induce the defendants to alter their position in any way, and could not reasonably have been taken as indicating any such intention,

## DEPRESSED CASTES IN INDIA.

To Be Represented at Round Table Parley.

OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS.

Rugby, Yesterday. Mr. Wedgwood Benn, replying to a number of questions, said that it was intended that the personnel of the proposed Federal Structure Committee should be as before, with certain additions which he was not yet in a position to announce. No formal invitations have yet been issued. They would be issued through the Viceroy and dealt with as before.

The depressed classes were represented on the Conference and their representation on the Federal Structure Committee was being considered. Asked whether the delay in reassembling the Round Table Conference in London was to be utilised to attempt further progress in India with outstanding questions concerning the future of the Provisional Governments, Mr. Benn said that he was unaware of any fundamental outstanding question affecting all provinces requiring discussion except problems such as communal difficulties and the relations between the centre and the provinces, which were essentially involved in the federal as well as in provincial constitutions.—British Wireless Service.

and partly on the ground that it did not, in fact, cause them to do anything. They merely continued the course which they had already adopted on the word of Lam Yau without any representation on the part of the plaintiffs. The point, however, was not argued.

Cross Estoppel.

There seemed to be a third ground of appeal, based on what was referred to as "cross-estoppel" or "estoppel against estoppel." I confess I fail to appreciate it as a separate ground. It is true that the above two terms are used sometimes but I think that they express no more than the principle referred to in paragraph 4 above, i.e., that a party cannot rely by way of estoppel on a representation induced by his own misrepresentation. Indeed, Spencer Bower, in Estoppel by Representation, 1923, p. 193, says that that is the meaning of the old formula that "estoppel against estoppel doth out the matter at large."

There seems to me to be no question of two prima facie estoppels cancelling one another out. Farwell, J., in Dixon v. Kennaway (1900) 1 Ch. at p. 340, was cited as an authority for the existence of cross estoppel as a separate thing. He there stated that Simm's Case (1879) 5 Q.B.D. 188 was a case of estoppel against estoppel, but in that case there were not two conflicting estoppels. It was not suggested that there could be any estoppel against Burge & Co. It was, so far as this point is concerned, merely an instance of the principle of paragraph 4 above. It must have been in that sense that Farwell, J., used the expression "estoppel against estoppel."

The well known dictum from Lickbarrow v. Mason was put forward as a fourth ground of appeal. That dictum is very difficult to apply and I know of no case where the decision rested only on the principle said to be embodied in that dictum. Lord Halsbury, who quoted an American form of the dictum in Henderson v. Williams (1895) 1 Q.B., at p. 529, expressed in Farquharson v. King (1902) A.C. at p. 382, his surprise that two of the learned judges in that case seemed to be under the impression that the proposition was "that any person who has enabled another by any means to commit a fraud must be the person to suffer when two innocent persons are in question." As he proceeds to point out, it depends on the sense in which you are to understand the word "enabled." Here I do not think that it can be said that it was the cash vouchers which enabled the fraud to be committed, though they may have facilitated it, and though the issue of credit notes might have checked it.

For these reasons, I think that the appeal should be dismissed with costs.

In any future case, the Full Court must be supplied with copies of all the documents to be referred to, or in the case of Chinese exhibits, with copies of certified translations. Mr. Justice Lindsell: "I agree with the judgment read."







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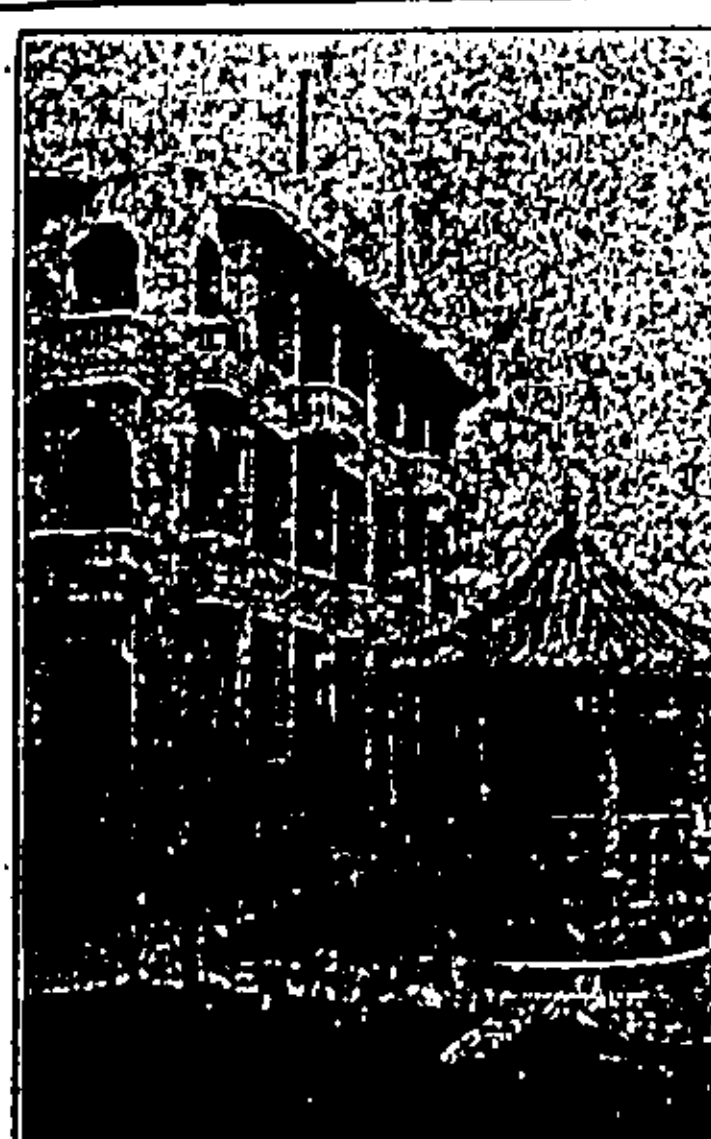
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 8th day of June, to MONDAY, 15th day of June, 1931, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hong Kong, 2nd June, 1931.

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THE FIFTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 17th June, 1931, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and Electing Directors and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th June to 1st July, 1931, both days inclusive.

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## JAPANESE STEEL.

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Each year the Government railways of Siam call for tenders for the supply of steel, which are open to all steel makers, and during the past three years, the Japanese Bridge Builders' Association, through its agents, the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Bangkok Branch, has submitted estimates. In two successive years the French were successful. News has been received that this year the Japanese tender is the lowest and the fact of this success in open competition with the world's makers has caused elation in Japan, said the Minister of State for Railways, Dr. Egi, adding his congratulations and speaking hopefully of Japan's future prospects in the world market. The Japanese bid was successful against some forty competitors of Belgian, Czechoslovakian, French, German, American and British nationality. The contract is for the supply of five hundred tons of steel for new construction and replacement—plate girders, lattice girders, culverts, etc. Mitsui's bid was not less than Yen 100 per ton delivered in Bangkok. A German bid was second lowest. American bids were highest.

The Government Steel Works in Kyushu will supply the steel, which will pass Japanese Government railway specifications, which are severe. While there will be but small profit in this, the first Japanese contract for the supply of steel to a foreign government it will be of advertising value. Railway engineering in Japan has come much to the fore in the railway shops of Moscow and other Russian centres, and a Japanese has been engaged by the Persian Government as railway adviser. The Siamese deal will be so handled as to enhance the reputation of the island empire of the east, which is making a name for itself in a department of activity hitherto confined to a few Western nations, whose one-time monopoly in so many branches of engineering is now at an end.

## SIAM COMMERCIAL BANK.

5 Per Cent. Dividend  
Declared.

The forty-ninth general meeting of the Siam Commercial Bank, Ltd., was held in Bangkok, Phya Jayosompatti occupying the chair.

The directors' report and Balance sheet for the half-year ending March 31, 1931, is as follows:—

The net profit, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts, deducting rebate on bills not due, allowing for interest accrued to date upon Fixed Deposits, and for other contingencies, amounts to:—  
Tcs. 317,491 including Tcs. 141,845 brought forward from the last account.

The Directors beg to recommend that the accrued profit be dealt with as follows:—Transfer to Statutory reserve Tcs. 17,564; Dividend for the half-year at the rate of 5 per cent. p.a. Tcs. 32,500; Bonus of one Tical per share Tcs. 33,000; Statutory remuneration to the Board Tcs. 8,782; Bonus to the Staff Tcs. 15,832; Write off Bank Premises account Tcs. 10,000; Transfer to Staff Provident fund Tcs. 20,000; Carry forward to the next account Tcs. 129,812; Total Tcs. 317,491.

The report and balance sheet were adopted.

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### CAREER.

Six Months' for Aged  
Swindler.

An extraordinary career of crime was outlined at Tower Bridge when George William Dixon (75), of Onslow Gardens, S.W., a man of venerable and aristocratic appearance, was charged with obtaining 2s. 8d. by false pretences from Mr. Arthur Cooper, of the Blind Society, Waterloo Road. He was described on the charge-sheet as a medical practitioner, and he pleaded guilty.

Detective-Sergt. Peasley said Dixon called on Mr. Cooper and stated that he was "Dr. George William Dixon, senior" honorary surgeon at St. George's Hospital and a member of the Junior Carlton Club, living at No. 6, Onslow Gardens. He said he was out visiting patients and wanted 2s. 8d. to make up a sum of 16s. he owed his cabman. Mr. Cooper, taken in by Dixon's appearance, lent him the money. Noticing, however, that Dixon got into a tram instead of a cab, he followed him and called the police. At the station Dixon persisted that he was Dr. Dixon, of St. George's Hospital, but inquiries showed that no one of that name was an hon. surgeon there.

The detective added that since 1895 Dixon had been sentenced to terms of imprisonment amounting in all to twenty-seven years and one month. There were other convictions before that date, but as these could not be certified by finger prints these had not been taken into account. Among these were four terms of penal servitude. Generally his offences were of a character similar to the present charge, but there had been convictions for fraud and forgery. He was really a draftsman. There were convictions all over the country, including Dublin, Edinburgh, Northallerton, Belfast, Drogheda, Liverpool, Portsmouth, Birmingham, Bedford, Bray, Fleetwood, Wolverhampton, Brighton, Hastings, Worthing, Gosport, Winchester, Tunbridge Wells, and the London Guildhall. He had represented himself as "Dr. Tobias" of Brighton, "W. J. Watson, F.G.S.," etc.

Dixon said he had been living by writing the Lord's Prayer on the space of a sixpence. He had been medically trained but had never qualified.

Mr. Oulton (the magistrate): From your appearance I should say it was a pity you did not stick to that calling. With your record I can do no less than send you to prison for six months.

## GRAMOPHONE MERGER.

New Holding Company  
Registered.

A holding company to be known as Electric and Musical Industries has been registered for the purpose of acquiring shares in the Gramophone Company, Limited (H.M.V.), and the Columbia Gramophone Company.

Jordan's daily register of new companies gives the following particulars of Electric and Musical Industries:—The company has been formed to acquire not less than 90 per cent., or such less proportions of each class of shares respectively as the company shall think fit, of the issued share capitals of the Gramophone Company and the Columbia Gramophone Company; to carry on the business of manufacturers of and dealers in apparatus and machinery used in the generation, accumulation, and supply of electrical energy; makers of scientific, musical, surgical, therapeutic or medical instruments or apparatus, including machines for recording, reproducing, transmitting or receiving sounds and vision pictures; manufacturers of and dealers in gramophone, radio sets, &c. The nominal capital is £100 in 21 shares.

The directors are A. Clark (chairman), L. Sterling, Lord Marks, J. Broad, E. De Stein, M. Herbert, D. Sarnoff, and E. T. L. Williams.

Mr. Alfred Clark, the chairman, is managing director of the Gramophone Company Ltd., and is also a director of the British Zonophone Company, Limited, the Maremonti Company, Limited, Cie. Francoise du Gramophone (chairman), Skandinavisk Gramophone Aktieselskab, and the Victor Talking Machine Company of America.

At the annual meeting of the Maritime Guernsey Club held in Truro, the retiring president, V. B. Leonard, said that prospects look good for the advancement of the breed in Nova Scotia. He called attention to the many R. O. P. records completed during the year and added that Maritime-bred Guernseys hold their own with those of any other part of Canada.

## SWEDISH MATCHES.

### CHINA MARKET PRACTICALLY CLOSED.

In the annual report of the Svenska Tandsticks Aktiebolaget (the Swedish Match Company) the directors state that after showing for eight consecutive years a continued increase in the annual export of matches from Sweden, the company has for last year to record a decrease of about 10 per cent. compared with the previous year. This, it is stated, has not been caused by any diminished consumption of matches nor by the acquisition of match concessions in various countries, but was due to prohibitive Customs tariffs in several States. Since the issue of the last report two important markets for matches—China and Egypt—have become practically closed through the increase of tariffs, and, therefore, a further reduction in the export of Swedish matches is looked for during the current year.

It is, however, pointed out that any loss in the export trade is more counterbalanced by increased sales of local-made matches. In general, in fact, the business of the company appears to have developed favourably, particularly in view of the general economic depression, and the total sales of the company have been the highest in its history. The report also expresses the view that Russian competition is declining, reports indicating that for last year the export of matches from Russia was 40 per cent less than for the preceding year. Referring to the agreement entered into with the German Government last year, the business both of the monopoly company, which is exclusively a sales company, of the manufacturing companies owned by the Swedish Match Company, must, it is considered, be regarded as quite satisfactory.

The report also states that, in spite of disturbed conditions in India during last year, sales increased by about 15 per cent.

## BURIED FOR THREE DAYS.

Man Aged 90 Asks Rescuers For  
Mug of Beer.

Lord Bledisloe, the Governor-General of New Zealand, tells a remarkable story of an aged man's escape in the earthquake at Napier, on February 3 in an official despatch to the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

The Governor-General, describing his visit to the stricken area, states:—  
"Among many striking cases of rescue from death amid the wreckage of fallen structures, perhaps the most remarkable was that of an old man named James Collins, ninety years of age, who was found beneath the debris of the Old People's Home at Napier on Friday, February 6, three days and nights after the disaster, not merely alive, but in good spirits."

"When found he asked for a mug of beer. I saw him and talked to him the following day in the Napier Field Hospital."

In a tribute to the work of the navy at the time of the earthquake, Lord Bledisloe writes:—

"But for the presence and behaviour of those on board the sloop (H.M.S. Veronica) there is no doubt whatever that widespread panic would have prevailed, and the deaths and injuries would have been far more numerous."

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## STANDARD TIMES.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for June, 1931, Standard time of the 120th Meridian East of Greenwich are as follows:—

		Sunrise	Sunset
June		a.m.	p.m.
9	5.38	7.06	
10	5.38	7.06	
11	5.38	7.07	
12	5.38	7.07	
13	5.38	7.08	
14	5.38	7.08	
15	5.38	7.08	
16	5.38	7.08	
17	5.38	7.09	
18	5.38	7.09	
19	5.39	7.10	
20	5.39	7.10	
21	5.39	7.10	
22	5.39	7.10	
23	5.40	7.10	
24	5.40	7.10	
25	5.40	7.11	
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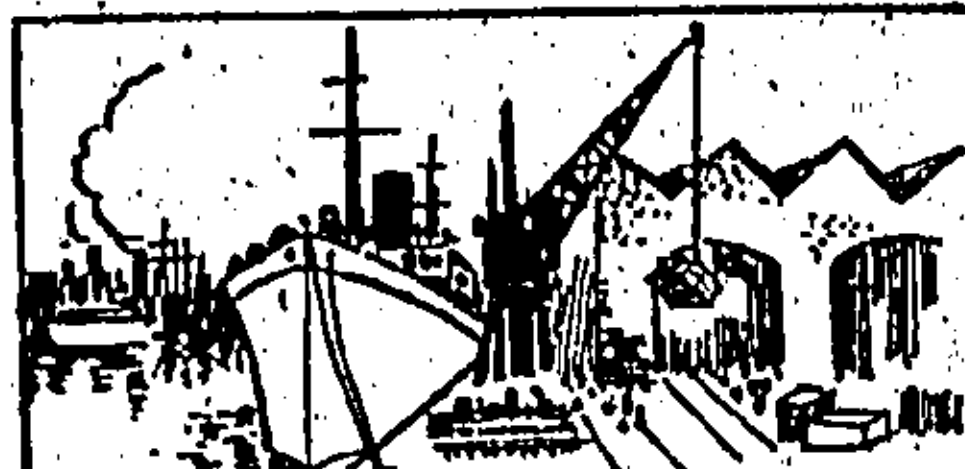
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# Shipping Intelligence.

## SPECIAL MEDAL FOR MADEIRA.

Distinction for Crew of H.M.S. London.

London, May 8.  
The British cruiser London has arrived at Portsmouth from Madeira.

The officers warmly praised the able way in which Captain Burroughs, Commander of the London, acted in a difficult situation.

They said that on May 2, when the rebels were defeated and neither the rebels nor the Government forces were available to take charge of Funchal, Captain Burroughs landed 200 armed soldiers to police the town.

The men marched with fixed bayonets, the White Ensign flying ahead and astern, and quelled all the excitement. But for their presence there might have been serious street fighting, as there were 2,000 rebels in the streets.

It is understood that a special medal will be struck for the ship's company to commemorate the event.

## NEW U.S. SHIPPING PLAN.

Government Ownership And Private Operation.

The plan for the United States merchant marine, owned by the Government, the vessels to be leased to private operators on a profit-sharing basis, but reverting to Government service in time of war, is outlined by Mr. Carl E. Grunsky of San Francisco, former member of the Isthmian Canal Commission and president of the American Engineering Council, in a statement made public through the council. Participation in the scheme would be restricted to corporations with a capital of at least \$200,000, of which at least \$50,000 must be paid in.

One feature of the scheme is that the Shipping Board would be empowered to decide how many ships should be allotted to any operator and would supervise the construction of new vessels required by operators with the funds at its disposal. The operation of the vessels would not be restricted or subject to supervision, but the books of operations must be open to the Government for verification of statements of financial results. No commissions would be paid to operators, but there is a hint of possible subsidies to be paid out of surplus earnings of successful operators. Operators would be required to pay the Government annually a sum equivalent to the standard depreciation charge on each vessel.

## ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Sunday, June 7.  
Glenapp, British str., 5,877 tons, Capt. T. F. Ingram, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf—J. M. & Co.

Penang, Maru, Japanese str., 3,280 tons, Captain Y. Iida, from Sakito, Kowloon Wharf—N.Y.K.

Perim, British str., 4,779 tons, Capt. A. E. Salway, from London via Singapore, Stonecutters Anchorage—M. M. & Co.

Tasaula, British str., 4,052 tons, Captain P. W. Trott, from Los Angeles, Laichikok, Anchorage—Standard Oil Co.

Tsinan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. W. Shaw, from Shanghai, buoy No. B20—B. & S.

Automedon, British str., 4,788 tons, Capt. B. Cubley, from Singapore, Holt's Wharf—B. & S.

City of Bombay, British str., 8,254 tons, Captain C. Brown, from Manila, Holt's Wharf—Bank Line.

Havelland, German str., 3,838 tons, Captain Vogt, from Shanghai, buoy No. A6—Jensen & Co.

Hopang, British str., 1,559 tons, Capt. F. E. Gay Cumling, from Canton, buoy No. B2—J. M. & Co.

Linan, British str., 1,866 tons, Capt. J. Layton, from Canton, buoy No. B3—B. & S.

Marly, Norwegian str., 657 tons, Capt. Hlovdan, from Bangkok, buoy No. C1—Wallem & Co.

Song Bo, French str., 720 tons, Capt. Le Chevalier, from Canton, buoy No. A9—Shig Koo.

Suiyang, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. J. Robinson, from Canton, buoy No. B15—B. & S.

Sourabaya, Maru, Japanese str., 4,818 tons, Captain A. Irezas, from Tawao, N.B., buoy No. A4—O.S.K.

Wing Low, Portuguese str., 850 tons, Capt. J. E. Harvey, from E. O. Wan, buoy No. C4—Woo Hop & Co.

## PROGRESS OF UNITED STATES SHIPPING.

The Jones-White Act Effect.

### TONNAGE PROGRAMMES.

The substantial progress made during 1930 towards the establishment of a permanent and efficient United States merchant marine is the subject of an article in The Index, published by the New York Trust Company.

An encouraging feature of the past year, states the writer, was the further withdrawal of the Government from the shipping business. Since 1919 the Shipping Board has reduced the number of ships under its control from 1,800 to 433, and more than 75 per cent. of the vessels in the American merchant marine are now in private hands.

While the continued operation of shipping services by the Board has been considered essential to the development of foreign trade and the maintenance of the United States merchant marine, Congress has laid down—and the Shipping Board has been carrying out—the national policy of transferring Government-owned lines to private ownership as rapidly as United States shipping interests can be induced to take them over.

Foreign Trade.

The effort to develop a U.S. merchant marine, the writer continues, has been chiefly directed towards the expansion of that part of our commercial shipping which is engaged in foreign trade. It is believed that in international trade, expansion and effective competition in foreign markets depend to a material extent upon the ownership of adequate shipping facilities.

The large volume of American foreign commerce, the increasingly important part that it is playing in the industrial progress of the nation, and the fact that it is 75 per cent. water-borne, all emphasize the necessity of maintaining satisfactory and uninterrupted shipping services to all parts of the world. Such services, it is felt, can only be assured through the development and continued operation of American owned steamship lines.

The United States is credited with ocean vessels aggregating over 10,000,000 gross tons, thus ranking second to Great Britain with 19,000,000 tons, and considerably higher than the other principal maritime countries.

Analysis reveals, however, that American ships engaged in foreign trade represent less than one-half of the total tonnage. The inactive Shipping Board vessels account for approximately 1,500,000 tons and ships in the protected coastwise trade account for some 2,000,000 tons. Oil tank ships, which are supplied only with cargoes by their owners and, consequently, do not compete in the open freight market, account for an additional 2,500,000 tons.

Few Modern Ships.

Excluding the vessels mentioned above, there are some 800 U.S. ships of approximately 4,000,000 gross tons engaged in foreign trade which, during the past few years, have carried about 30 per cent. of the exports and imports of the United States.

A study of the types of vessels comprising this fleet reveals that very few of them are modern ships capable of competing effectively under present day conditions. There is, for example, but one vessel in the super-liner class—20,000 or more tons capable of cruising at over 20 knots an hour—the Leviathan.

Two others are in course of construction, but Great Britain owns nine vessels of this type, and France, Germany and Italy four each. Due to the loan and mail contract provisions of the Jones-White Act, our deficiency in moderately fast combination cargo and passenger liners is now being remedied to a certain extent. Approximately 100 U.S. vessels of this type are now in service on the trade routes between the United States and the principal foreign countries, and 15 more are in course of construction.

The majority of the U.S. vessels engaged in foreign trade, however, are slow speed cargo ships built during the War period. In many instances, they could not be operated profitably had they not been purchased from the Shipping Board at prices substantially below world market prices. In view of the many technical improvements in ship and engine design, which have since been made, many of the ships are nearly obsolete.

Construction Programme.

However, U.S. shipyards are now busier than at any time with

## U. S. MERCHANT MARINE.

Unfair Competition Condemned.

That controversies and jealousy among American shipping men are menacing the future of the U.S. merchant marine, is the opinion of Mr. Malcolm M. Stewart, manager of the foreign freight department of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the Middle West Foreign Trade Committee, expressed in an address delivered at a meeting of the Propeller Club, in New York.

Mr. Stewart mentioned efforts by foreign steamship interests to create the impression in the Middle West that American companies have blocked reductions in rates and of the circulation of foreign propaganda by Americans who are handling or serving foreign vessels. In reference to the need for co-operation in behalf of the merchant marine, he said:

"Let the strong and powerful North Atlantic companies be satisfied with their North Atlantic interests, let them not seek to gain control and dominate the Gulf and South Atlantic lines, let them not try to establish traffic control of the Gulf lines in the North Atlantic, and above all, let American companies be American companies."

"Let not one American company that receives mail contract to operate in one section operate a foreign flag line in direct competition with another American line that is also receiving a mail contract from the Government. This, gentlemen, is absolutely unethical, and that is why we have insisted upon passage of the Davis Bill, along with the White Bill."

"There is a strong resentment toward American companies operating a few American vessels and a large number of foreign vessels. I am pointing out to you this danger, because it is a real problem for the Middle West, and the merchant marine to-day is in greater danger of harm than it has been for the last ten years as a result of this."

## STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.S.'s R.M.S. Empress of Canada arrived at Kobe on June 7 (Sun.) at noon, left Kobe the same day at 10 p.m., is due at Shanghai on June 9 (Tues.), at 6 p.m., and leaves for Hong Kong on June 10 (Wed.) at 4 p.m.

The C.P.S.'s R.M.S. Empress of Asia arrived at Shanghai on June 7 (Sun.) at 4.30 p.m., left Shanghai on June 8 (Mon.) at 2 a.m., was due at Nagasaki on June 9 (Tues.), at 6 a.m., and leaves for Kobe on June 9 (Tues.) at 5 p.m.

The C.P.S.'s R.M.S. Empress of Asia arrived at Nagasaki on June 9 (Tues.) at 8.30 a.m., leaves Nagasaki on June 9 (Tues.) at 5 p.m., and is due at Kobe on June 10 (Wed.) at 5 p.m. She leaves Kobe for Yokohama on June 11 (Thurs.) at 3 p.m.

## WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:

Olympus—West wall dock.

Odin—In dock.

Otus—In dock.

Parthian—West wall dock.

Seamew—South wall.

Sirdar—In dock.

Somme—North arm.

Sterling—North arm.

Tamar—Basin.

Thracian—North arm.

Foreign.

Vigilante—French gunboat.

In the past 75 years, excepting only the War. This revival of ship-building is directly attributable to the stimulus provided by the Jones-White Merchant Marine Act of 1920, which was designed to equalise the cost of building and operating U.S. ships as compared with ships of foreign registry.

Since the passage of the Act, two years ago, mail contracts have been awarded covering 40 ocean routes and calling for the construction of 68 ships aggregating about 700,000 tons. Six of the new ships have been completed and are now in service, while 18 are under construction at the present time. The monetary outlay which can be definitely counted upon for ship construction in the next four or five years amounts to approximately \$30,000,000 (460,000,000).



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Empress of Russia	July 3	July 6	July 9	July 11	—	—	—	—	—
Empress of Japan	July 13	July 21	July 23	July 25	July 31	Aug. 5	Aug. 10	Aug. 15	Aug. 20
Empress of Asia	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	—	—	—	—	—
Empress of Canada	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 22	—	—	—	—	—
Empress of Russia	Aug. 28	Aug. 31	Sept. 3	Sept. 5	—	—	—	—	—
Empress of Japan	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 19	—	—	—	—	—
Empress of Asia	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	—	—	—	—	—
Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	—	—	—	—	—
Empress of Russia	Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 28	Oct. 31	—	—	—	—	—
Empress of Japan	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 12	Nov. 14	—	—	—	—	—
Empress of Asia	Nov. 20	Nov. 23	Nov. 25	Nov. 28	—	—	—	—	—

"Empress of Russia" and "Empress of Asia" call at Nagasaki.

## HONG KONG—MANILA.

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Hong Kong, Tuesday, June 9, 1931.

### His Wife's Enthusiasm

A Parliamentary version of "the woman tempted me" is forthcoming in the facetious disclosure by the London correspondent of the Singapore Free Press that Sir John Simon's intervention in the "mui-tai" question "was, of course, due to the enthusiasm of his wife." It is pointed out that one reason why Sir John Simon has fallen into a grievous error in his campaign against mui-tai in Hong Kong is that he has not taken sufficient trouble to acquaint himself with facts which can easily be gleaned by a casual glance at the newspapers. There was a debate which lasted for four hours in the House of Commons three weeks ago, Sir John Simon being the principal speaker and critic of the policy of Sir Cecil Clementi during the latter's Governorship of Hong Kong. Sir John stated that he had taken the trouble to learn certain facts from Hong Kong newspapers, in that connection it is extraordinary that he should have given a piece of information which, apparently, the House of Commons swallowed without question. Asked by Mr. Loyat-Fraser as to the value of the Hong Kong dollar, Sir John replied, "It is about two shillings."

Commenting on this, the Straits Echo says: Should the foregoing statement be read by those residing in Hong Kong, their comment will probably be, "I wish he meant it." The mui-tai is not very material to the subject under discussion, but it is an evidence that Sir John is not always conversant with

his facts before expressing his precious opinions thereon.

Continuing, the Straits Echo says: There are mui-tai in Hong Kong, and there are probably slaves, but there are burglars in Penang; yet Sir John Simon does not criticise our Government for legalising burglary. If Sir John were to devote his energies to assisting the Hong Kong Police in arresting those who were known to be harbouring slaves, he would be rendering a better service than he is performing by denouncing a system that does not exist under the law. In the meantime, the most generous interpretation we can place on Sir John's intervention is that supplied by our Singapore contemporary, i.e., that it is "due to the enthusiasm of his wife."

Thus is another chapter written of the Secret History of Hong Kong. Some may have a more suitable word than "enthusiasm" to describe the activities of Lady Simon. We know another lady at Home whose meddling with the mui-tai problem in this Colony has earned for her a much more forceful word than "enthusiasm." Those "Meddlesome Matties" ought to be restrained from influencing their husbands into interfering with subjects of which they know nothing beyond what has been dinned into their ears by wives with a hobby to ride. Little wonder that truth is perverted, and that Hong Kong is painted in the House of Commons as a veritable cesspool of iniquity. Let these females at Home with so much "enthusiasm" take their lorgnettes off Hong Kong for a change and give a hand to Dr. Barnardo's Home, Quaker's Homes, and the Salvation Army in their endeavour to make child life at Home more tolerable and more comfortable than it is at the moment!

### News in Brief

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 79 degrees. At 10 a.m. the humidity was 77 and at 4 p.m. 87.

Twelve months' hard labour was imposed on Tsing Hi, a returned banished, at the Kowloon Police Court this morning. Accused was sent away for 10 years in 1929 for having participated in an armed robbery.

Mr. Chan Pu-fat, one of the leading Chinese merchants of Panama, is passing through the Colony on his way to Nanjing, for the purpose of reporting to the Chinese Overseas Committee, the activities of Chinese in the Republic of Panama during the past year. Mr. Chan was recently appointed honorary adviser of the Legation of the Republic of China.

The furniture of the Metropole Hotel, 100, Queen's Road, is to be sold by auction by Messrs. Lammer Brothers on June 17 and 18.

A collision between the P. & O. launch Jeanette and the Shamshupo Ice Factory motor boat Wang Nam occurred off Douglas Wharf yesterday at 6.40 o'clock. The launch escaped undamaged, but the motor boat was damaged fairly extensively. No persons were injured.

For stealing a quantity of clothing and two wrist watches from 127, Aplin Street, the property of seven coolies, a Chinese was in the Kowloon Police Court to-day sent to jail for two months with hard labour. Two months' imprisonment was also imposed on the same man for the theft of a jacket, the terms to run concurrently.

### ALLEGED RAPE OF A NIECE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

**Plaintiff's Story.**  
Plaintiff was then called, his evidence in the main being corroborative. He described how defendant accused him of an offence against Se Ah-mui eight years ago. Defendant pointed to the girl when he made the remarks. He (plaintiff) would swear that the allegation was false.  
**Cross-examined by defendant.** witness admitted that in the first place, defendant accused him of acting "like a beast." They were sitting side by side at the time. The matter had never been brought up before. He denied that the whole affair was "a trumped-up charge." Nor was it correct that defendant had not put the accusation quite so strongly. It was a definite charge of seduction.

**Excited Defendant.**  
Answering the Chief Justice witness said that in the beginning the conversation was in confidential manner. Defendant spoke in a low tone, but when he (witness) demanded what defendant meant by it, defendant's tone became louder, and he thumped the table with his fist.

As regards the terms of the letter of apology, it was settled that defendant should give an apology at a dinner, and set off fire-crackers. This was to be put in the letter. Defendant, however, would not agree to pay the costs up to the date of the letter being written. Nor was anything arranged as to what should be put in the letter leading up to the question of terms. Further, no arrangement was made for defendant to admit the slander in the letter.

**Indignant Father.**  
Se Chi-kwan, the girl's father, was then called. He described the events on the night of November 8-9. Defendant had shown him a paper written by Se Ah-mui, and then taken it back again. Defendant also told him as to his suspicions as to what happened eight years ago.

He ordered defendant out of the house, and sent for plaintiff. Later, defendant was also sent for, and the two men brought together. Defendant wished to take plaintiff to the Police Station, after repeating his accusation, and asked Se Ah-mui to struggle with plaintiff, to give him a pretext to do so. Witness finally sent defendant away again. That was about 4 a.m.

The hearing is proceeding.

### SIR F. MILNER.

### DEATH OF FORMER M.P. FOR BASSETLAW.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The death occurred this morning of Sir Frederick Milner, aged 82, who since the war devoted practically his whole time and energies to the organisation of settlements for consumptive ex-soldiers.

Frederick George Milner was born in November, 1849, the second son of the 5th Baronet. He was educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford, and in 1880, when he succeeded his brother in the Baronetcy, married a daughter of Mr. W. Reekitt, M.P. From 1883 to 1885 he was M.P. for York. After unsuccessfully contesting the Sowerby and the Radcliffe-cum-Farnworth division, he was returned in 1890 for the Bassetlaw Division of Nottingham, for which he sat as a Conservative until 1906—British Wireless Service.

### PRINCESS ILL.

### MICROBE INFECTIONS WITH FEVER.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
An improvement in the condition of Princess Marie Louise, who is suffering from microbe infections with fever, is noted in the bulletins issued this morning, which says her condition shows a little improvement after a good night's sleep—British Wireless Service.

### POLICE RESERVE.

### ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

#### NEW SHARPSHOOTERS.

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector-General of Police, are as under:—

**Revolver Practice.**—The regular weekly revolver practice will take place at the Bowen Road Revolver Range to-morrow at 6 p.m. It will be open to members of the Indian Company, Hong Kong Police Reserve.

**Training Course—Part II.**  
The weekly classes for Police Reservists will in future take place at the Chinese Company's Headquarters, 17 Queen's Road Central. The next class will be held to-day at 5.30 p.m. All members of the Chinese Company who have not yet passed Part 2 of Training Course should attend.

**Chinese Company.**  
**Strength.**—Constable R75 Ip Ping-chi has been permitted to resign having completed one year's service with effect from April 21.

**Indian Company.**  
**Strength.**—Constable R264 A. K. Karamat has been taken on the strength of the Indian Company as from June 1.

**Flying Squad.**  
The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place to-day. Fall in at Tsim-tsa-tui Fire Brigade Station at 6.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Khaki uniform and cap with khaki cover.

**Sharpshooters' Company.**  
**Strength.**—Constable R422 C. H. Courtis has been permitted to resign having completed one year's service with effect from June 1. The following members have been taken on the strength of the Sharpshooters Company as from June 6.

Constables R405 H. Greye; R417 L. Dowdall; and R422 R. Stewart. (Sgd.) D. L. King, D.S.P. (R.)

### HOTEL CECIL.

### MUSICAL ATTRACTION AT DINNER DANCE.

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Professor Alois Barna who is touring round the world has devoted 43 years to this instrument. With his cymbal, metallophone, xylophone, and glasses, he has enraptured many an audience in North China, Korea, Japan, Great Britain, Germany, France and America. The amazing rapidity and skill of his manipulation of the Zimbal is as fascinating to his listeners as the qualities of the instrument or the beauty of the music.

Having delighted many radio fans and attracted large crowds wherever he gave recitals, Professor Barna has gained renown for his soulful harmonies throughout the whole world. He is a gifted composer as well as a performer. "Gallop Mashinengawah" is one of his most popular compositions, and "Fourth Zimballo Etude" and "International Songs" are his other favourite pieces.

Hong Kong music lovers are now again given an opportunity of enjoying Professor Barna's wonderful melodies, as the Hotel Cecil has made a special engagement with Professor Barna to play his four instruments in the dining hall when a dinner dance will be held on Saturday.

The management of the Hotel Cecil make a charge of \$3 including dinner, primarily for the purpose of affording their patrons an occasion to appreciate Professor Barna's skill and expertise in his ancient instruments.

There will be added specially dances by Miss Bella, the accompanist being Miss Luba Pecker.

Booking is now open at the Hotel Cecil and those desiring to enjoy a good time on Saturday night are requested to make reservations early.

### HOME RAMBLERS.

### BIG GIANT FROM CARNEGIE.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The Carnegie (United Kingdom) Trust are making a grant of £10,000 for the provision of hostels in connection with the Ramblers' movement in Great Britain—British Wireless Service.

### CHEFOO NOTES.

### PROSPECTS OF A GOOD WHEAT HARVEST.

#### EMPIRE DAY.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]  
Chefoo, May 25.

On the afternoon of May 20, in glorious weather, a large number of friends gathered at the C.I.M. Preparatory School to enjoy the Annual Sports of the little ones, and as we watched them run, jump, and skip through their various races, your Correspondent finds it hard to say, who enjoyed themselves most, the children or the grown-ups; yet I am sure that such an enjoyable afternoon was spent that it will be hard to forget all we saw, and our hearty congratulations must be given to the Staff for the excellent programme provided.

David Kidder and John Slichter proved the champions of the afternoon and came out "a tie" at the end of the sports, so that this year a second Silver Pendant has to be found, it being impossible to divide the Championship Medal between two. The prizes were graciously distributed by Miss Rice amid the cheers of all present. The prizes this year had been contributed by British children, members of the C.I.M. Comradeship.

#### Empire Day.

As Empire Day fell on a Sunday this year it was arranged that all celebrations should be held on the day before. At noon the British members of the Club were at Home to their friends, when most of the community gathered to celebrate Empire Day and to enjoy all that had been provided by the generosity of our hosts.

At 2.30 the children of the C.I.M. and the Japanese Schools (the children of the French Schools being unavoidably absent) gathered around the flagstaff at the C.I.M. Boys School, with many friends, when His Britannic Majesty's Consul, Mr. R. S. Pratt, gave a most inspiring talk to the children on the value of Empire Day and why it was established as an annual holiday: after which the Union Jack was broken at the masthead by David Landsborough, the Senior Prefect of the School, during which the British National Anthem was heartily sung. Master Jimmy Bruce then presented to Mrs. Pratt a bouquet of red roses, white lilies, and blue cornflowers amid the ringing cheers of all present.

#### Sports Programme.

A long and most interesting Sports programme was then carried out, to the intense satisfaction of the children present, all of whom entered most heartily into the various items, some of the items causing much merriment as the "mule team" fell and rolled along, finding themselves not quite as sure footed as mules generally are. At the close of the sports a very substantial and greatly enjoyed tea was provided for the children finishing up with ice-cream which brought forth screams of delight, and thus a very happy and successful day was brought to its close, one to be long remembered by all who took part.

It was with real sorrow of heart that we bade farewell to Mr. and Mrs. V. Mortensen as they left us on the evening of May 23, after their long term of nearly 20 years in our midst. Mr. Mortensen, as Manager of the Cable Company, which he so faithfully served, was respected by all, both Chinese and foreigners alike, while Mrs. Mortensen had endeared herself to us all in so many ways that we shall miss her much. We wish them both a very happy and restful retirement, and trust that they may be spared for many years to come to enjoy it.

#### "Bon Voyage."

A number of friends gathered at the jetty to wish them "bon voyage" and the best of luck. I have been informed that Mr. Mortensen was presented with an elegant and beautifully engraved silver plaque by the Staff of the Cable Office ere he left as a token of their esteem and good wishes.

Although we have had a cold Spring and everything in the garden and field has been retarded thereby, the present beautiful weather is making the fields rejoice and there is every prospect of a good Wheat Harvest in the future.

### Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of June 9, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/6%.  
Hong Kong won the interport tennis doubles, winning three straight sets. Shanghai was outplayed absolutely. Ng Sze-kwong and M. W. Lo of Hong Kong beat Pott and Mabel Smith of Shanghai, 7-5, 6-4, 8-6.



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"MY PRIVATE DIARY."

"I have always refused to accept even playful admiration from a married man. And I think a woman who flirts in earnest with a married man is a fiend!"

So, writes Daisy, Princess Pless, formerly Miss Daisy Cornwallis-West, in a new book, "From My Private Diary," that will probably be one of the season's "best sellers." It is a very revealing book.

Years before the war Daisy, Princess Pless, was reckoned one of the two most beautiful women in Europe. She and her sister, Shelagh (the former Duchess of Westminster), were the most famous pair of beauties in Britain.

Struck to Her Job. It is clear from this diary that "Daisy's" marriage with the son of a rich German prince was a long, carefully hidden, bitter disappointment. She stuck gallantly to her job. She waited until her eldest son married, "and," she says, "when that was over, felt that I had no longer any ties in Silesia." She divorced her husband in 1923.

Now, as a result of arduous hospital work in Germany during the war, when she ought to have rested, she is unable to walk. She lives at La Napoule, on the Mediterranean.

Princess Daisy was a friend of King Edward and Queen Alexandra, and of the Kaiser and Kaiserin. They all called her Daisy. She entertained all the German Imperial family, and half the nobility of the Continent.

She writes of the ex-Kaiser: "I am vain enough to think that the Emperor liked me better and treated me with more sincerity and frankness than almost any other woman he knew. There were many reasons for this. I was British. I was different. I was never afraid of him."

"True, he liked to be with me and look at me because my beauty was of the pink, white, and gold 'British' type that appealed to him. He often kissed my hand."

An Exile. The Princess occasionally pours her heart out to her diary. She was an exile, in Germany, but her heart was always in Britain.

In December 1908 she writes: "My wedding day sixteen years ago to-day. I cried myself (but not to sleep) last night thinking of the 'might-have-beens,' the little intimate things I prayed and tried and longed for years between Hans (her husband) and myself—but what's the use now?"

A couple of years earlier: "Tomorrow, a ball at my German in-laws, on the 31st at Court Hall, but oh, how tired my heart is! and yet I know things must ever go on like this."

"I have been cast for a part on this world's stage, and when the curtain goes up I must come forward, face the audience, and speak my lines."

"Deep in my heart I keep hearing—is it an echo of genuine life somewhere in this world, of the intimations of some past or future existence that was, or shall be, mine in close communion with some ideal love?"

"My true beloved—whose hands will hold up my face, whose voice will sound ever tenderly in my ear: 'Come, little one, away from it all to a home in the woods near the sea, in some far country.'"

"The scent of the flowers at evening floating in through open windows; the thrill of crisp air over white snow—no artificial perfumes in gilded saloons—live only for and in the worship of God, tending the new lives that spring up from us."

A Distant Dream House.

"But I must drop this nonsense. The hotel band downstairs is still playing; may it make them happy! And tomorrow I shall again wear diamonds and dance. Yet my soul lives in my distant dream-house, a little house, but big as the Kingdom, over which I reign alone. I am alone, alone in an alien country, trying my best to do my share fairly, to do my best, and no one knows but God and myself what is in my heart."

"She came over to Britain for theatricals at Chatsworth, visits to Sandringham, yachting at Cowes, and rest at Newlands, Hampshire, her parents' place, which she loved. The diary is a panorama of life and movement, with peeps behind the scenes. One day, on

## THE ARMY AND GAS WARFARE.

Football Played in Masks.

DEFENSIVE TRAINING.

Special measures are to be taken by the military authorities with a view to increasing the efficiency of defensive training against gas.

The Chemical Warfare School at Porton is, in future, to form a wing of the Small Arms School. The Machine-Gun School at Netheravon, Salisbury Plain, and the Small Arms School, Hythe, were amalgamated in 1926. Thus, to-day, the School embraces three wings, the Machine-Gun Wing, the Small Arms Wing, and Anti-Gas Wing. The latter branch has been placed under the School Commandant, Brigadier R. J. Collins, in order that he may co-ordinate small arms and anti-gas training.

Between 500 and 600 soldiers last year voluntarily submitted themselves to tests to prove the efficacy of certain treatment for skin-burns produced by gases used in warfare and to test masks embodying new protective devices.

The provision of adequate protection against chemical warfare is a matter calling for considerable research and experiment and the application of practical tests with due regard to the safety of the personnel engaged. The respirator, as a protective instrument, has been greatly improved in recent years, but it does not wholly provide against the action of gas on personnel.

Protective Measures.

Blistering agents, of which mustard gas is the most important, attack all parts of the body, so that special antidotal measures have to be applied. Hence the special treatment to which soldiers have submitted to enable experts to find the best method of handling and treating gas injuries. Success in the field must necessarily depend to a considerable extent on the information now obtained as to the use of poison vapours and the nature of their effect on the soldier.

All ranks are trained in the maintenance of the respirator in an efficient condition, its proper adjustment in the shortest time possible and to take advantage of other available protective devices. They must be able to wear the mask continuously for long periods and become so accustomed to it that its inevitable physical disadvantages are reduced to a minimum. It is also considered desirable that men should be taught to recognise by sight, smell or taste, the main types of gases which may be encountered, both for their own protection and to give the alarm.

It is pointed out that good gas discipline implies not only that troops shall be well trained in defensive measures and practised in wearing respirators, but also that commanders and staffs are conversant with the powers and tactical uses of chemical weapons. Further that troops placed in unsuitable positions or retained in positions which have been heavily contaminated with substances such as mustard gas, will sustain heavy gas casualties, no matter how well trained the troops themselves may be.

Recruit Feels Suffocated. Although the latest type of gas mask is more comfortable to wear than the one used in the war, the young soldier, when introduced to it, feels that he is being suffocated. But the inconvenience soon disappears. The difficulty in breathing is due only to inexperience, coupled with the thought that his supply of air must necessarily be restricted. With the disappearance of the initial discomfort in breathing comes the relief from the knowledge of the protection which is afforded in a contaminated area.

The wearing of the mask is now ordered for both day and night exercises, and competitions for masked men are arranged. The commanding officer of a unit told me that he successfully removed the objection to the gas mask among his men by arranging masked football matches.

But the War Office is not enamoured of the gas weapon, and, in accordance with international agreement entered into by the Government and the Governments of the self-governing Dominions and India, the British Government will, on the outbreak of war, endeavour, in conjunction with its Allies, to obtain from the enemy Government of Governments an engagement that poisonous gas shall not be used as a weapon of war. In the event of failure to obtain an engagement of that character, H.M. Government will be free to take such action as circumstances demand.—London Morning Post.

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## ROUND THE CINEMAS

PLEASANT COMEDY AT THE KING'S.

"ALONG CAME YOUTH."

"Along Came Youth," the pleasant little comedy now showing in the King's Theatre, owes a great deal of its success to the work of that eminent pair of comedians, William Austin and Stuart Erwin. One wonders what Paramount would do without them, although neither is rated as a "star." Austin has another "silly-ass" part of which he makes the most, and Erwin provides a lot of laughs with his study of the lugubrious Ambrose, one-time trainer for Larry Brooks (played by Charles Rogers). The story is on familiar lines, although the most is made of the situations that arise. Charles Rogers is breathlessly youthful in the leading role—almost aggressively so, at times—but he has a good appearance, and an infectious smile, which go a long way in this kind of film.

Frances Dee is a discovery. Her playing is natural, and she has been at some pains, apparently, to cultivate the "English" voice for the occasion. For the most part she is successful. Another good "bit" is played by Lee White as a South American financier.

The film is the more acceptable because of its clarity, both of sound and photography. Our ears are by now becoming accustomed to the trans-Atlantic twang, and there are no strenuous objections to it, so long as what is being said can be heard properly. This is not always the case, there being a growing tendency, it seems, on the part of some talkie stars to indulge in semi-audible "asides."

An interesting news reel precedes the main feature, together with Marion Harris (now playing in London Cabaret in a rather inconclusive song scene).

"PART TIME WIFE."

Humour and romance are equally divided to make good entertainment in the talkie film, "Part Time Wife," which is having its final run at the Majestic Theatre to-day.

Edmund Lowe of "Cockeyed World" fame, and Lella Hyams, who played in "The Girl Said No" and "Thirteenth Chair," head an admirable cast of players. Lowe is seen in the role of a business man with a terribly bad temper, whilst Lella Hyams is depicted as the wife who is an amateur champion golfer. The all-suspicious husband causes his wife to leave the home, after numerous petty quarrels.

Deserving of special mention in the supporting cast is Tommy Clifford, the juvenile actor, who enacts the part of a caddy at the links most capably. Walter McGrath gives the picture a touch-up with the necessary villainy.

"Part Time Wife" is really worth seeing. Recommended.

"SHOW OF SHOWS."

The biggest production of its kind ever offered to the public such is Warner Brothers' "Show of Shows," the Vitaphone musical extravaganza in technicolor, which is showing at the Queen's Theatre. Scores upon scores of outstanding stars of stage and screen contribute to this elaborate revue. Some five hundred persons appear in various numbers.

A few of those in the imposing list of stars are John Barrymore, Frank Fay, Dolores Costello, Monte Blue, Beatrice Lillie, Winnie Lightner, Georges Carpentier, Ted Lewis, Irene Bordoni, Marian Nixon, Myrna Loy, Sally O'Neill, Alice White, Nosh Beery, Grant Withers, Ella Lee, Patsy Ruth Miller, Alice Day, Ben Turpin, Lloyd Hamilton, Lupino Lane, Bert Roach, Lee Moran, Helene Conklin, H. B. Warner and Bull Montana.

Direction was shared by John Adolfi, Larry Coballos and Jack Haskell, under the supervision of Darryle F. Zanuck.

"THE SKY HAWK."

Fashionable London in action—a café glittering with uniforms and brilliant gowns—the forced, hectic safety of Piccadilly—the sinister wall of the Maron, the air that warns, siren—but to the streets—crowds rushing in terror through the darkness—the waver—pencils of searchlights—feeling through the clouds—the distant crack of shrapnel and the oncoming roar of Zeppelin bombs and crashing buildings—such is the beginning of one of the many spectacular scenes in "The Sky Hawk," Fox Movietone all talking picture, now showing at the World Theatre.

The noted John Garfield, Helen Chandler and Gilbert Emery head the cast of stage and screen celebrities, which includes Joyce Compton, Billy Bevan, Lennox

## SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social.  
June 13—Hotel Cecil, Special engagement, of Prof. A. Barna, world-renowned cymbalist, at dinner dance.

Entertainments.  
To-day—King's Theatre; "Along Came Youth."  
To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Show of Shows."  
To-day—Central Theatre; "The Broadway Hoofers."  
To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Part-time Wife."  
To-day—World Theatre; "The Sky Hawk."  
To-day—Star Theatre; "Arizona Kid."

Meetings.  
To-day—Sanitary Board, 4.15 p.m.

June 15—Peak Tramways Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel.  
June 17—Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Exchange Building.

June 17—Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardines, noon.

Home Mails.  
To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Porthos).

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Sarpedon), 10.30 a.m.; for Europe via Siberia (President Wilson), 6 p.m.

Lammerts' Auction.  
June 17—13—Metropole Hotel furniture, 22, Ice House Street, 10.30 a.m.

Sports.  
See Sports Diary on Page 9.

## FAMOUS "HEAD" DIES AT 94.

Canon J. M. Wilson, Of Clifton College.

Canon James Maurice Wilson, head master of Clifton College from 1879-90 and for twenty years science and mathematical master at Rugby, died in mail week at his home near Petersfield, Hampshire, aged ninety-four.

In spite of his age he was extraordinarily active and attended the recent reunion of visitors to the 1851 exhibition, who gathered at the Persian Art Exhibition. His son, Mr. Arnold Wilson, was chairman of the exhibition.

Canon Wilson was the oldest of the veterans present, and made a speech of thanks on their behalf.

He was Canon of Worcester until he was ninety, an office he had held for more than twenty years. Before going to Worcester he was Archdeacon of Manchester from 1890 until 1905.

His eleven years as headmaster of Clifton College preceded this. Among his pupils at Clifton was Mr. J. H. Whitley, former Speaker of the House of Commons.

Last year he attended the centenary celebrations in London of the Manx poet Thomas Brown, and without any prompting dramatically recited 1,000 lines of "Betsy Lee."

He was a distinguished mathematician, and was president of the Mathematical Association in 1921. His many publications include volumes on geometry, pastoral theology, and collections of his sermons and lectures. It is stated that during King Edward's reign he refused more than one bishopric.

Building activities in Montreal for the first quarter of 1931 make a favourable showing with an increase of a million dollars as compared with the corresponding period of last year, according to the figures of the chief building inspector, The total for January, February and March, 1931, both as regards new work and repairs and alterations to buildings, amounts to \$5,077,578, while the total for the same period of last year was \$4,017,495.

Pawle, Lumsden Hare, Daphne Pollard and Percy Challenger.

John G. Blystone, who has given the screen such hits as "Mother Knows Best," "Through Different Eyes," and 44 other productions for Film directed.

"LOTTERY BRIDE."

Carroll Nye's reputation for dramatic roles on the talking screen is given another boost by his work in "Lottery Bride," Arthur Hammerstein's first spectacular musical feature for the screen, coming to the Queen's Theatre.

Nye augments a cast of principals that includes Jeanette MacDonald, John Garfield, Robert Chisholm, Joe E. Brown, Joseph Macaulay, Zasu Pitts, and other names famous on stage and screen. "Lottery Bride" is an original story by Herbert Stothart and has a lavish musical score composed by Rudolf Friml, King of American light opera. It is a United Artists picture.

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### WATER RETURN.

ALL RESERVOIRS BELOW OVERFLOW.

The level and storage of water in the reservoirs on June 1, 1931, were as under:—

City and Hill District.	1930	1931
Tyiam .....	23' 7" B	25' 8" B
Tyiam Bywash .....	21' 9" B	24' 4" B
Tyiam Intermediate .....	43' 9" B	8' 8" B
Tyiam Tuk .....	63' 2" B	38' 8" B
Wong Nei Chung .....	27' 6" B	17' 6" B
Pokfulum .....	21' 11" B	31' 1" B
(Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow"; S. denotes "Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.")		
Total .....	595.84	1,138.10

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions, and decimals of gallons during the month of May.

	1930	1931
Consumption .....	228,103	341,627
Estimated population .....	442,880	410,650
Consumption per head per day .....	20.4	26.8
\$ Includes 95.07 million gallons from Mainland.		
\$ Includes 95.03 million gallons from Mainland.		

May, 1930.—From May 1 to 31, a 12 hours supply (8 a.m.—6 p.m.) was given to all Hiller Main Districts (Principal Mains closed 6 p.m.—6 a.m.) with the exception of the area North of Queen's Road between Murray Road and Eastern Street where a constant supply was maintained during the whole month.

May, 1931.—Constant supply throughout the City, Hill and High Level Districts during the whole month.

Kowloon.	1930	1931
Kowloon Reservoir .....	10' 6" B	11' 9" B
Shok Lai Pui .....	8' 11" B	L
Reception Reservoir .....	10' 1" B	1' 7" B
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		

Kowloon Reservoir .....

Bywash .....

Shok Lai Pui .....

Reception Reservoir .....

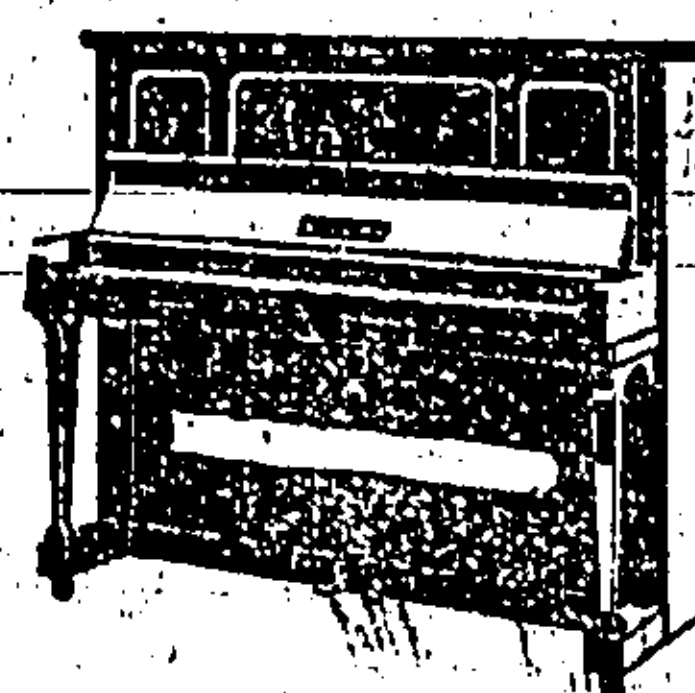
Total .....

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of May.

	1930	1931
Consumption .....	124.68	152.83
Estimated population .....	175,380	228,150
Consumption per head per day .....	24.7	18.0
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Total rainfall: May 31, 1930, 18.17; May 31, 1931, 24.25.		

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## CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

### LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE REVIEW.

Close Finish Between  
Police & Kowloon Dock.

ONLY ONE MATCH.

[By "Short Head."]

It was unfortunate that rain spoiled the Lawn Bowls League programme on Saturday as a fine series of matches promised to increase interest and decide which—if any—of the two leaders would drop their first points.

It was not surprising to find that the Police green at the Valley was declared playable. This must be the third or fourth year in succession in which all games have been "off" on one Saturday excepting that on the Police green.

It was predicted in this column on Friday that the match would be a thrilling one, with little to choose between the Police and the Kowloon Dock at the finish. And so it proved to be. The Dock won by only four points!

Progress of the Match.  
The following shows the various interesting stages of the match—

P.R.C.	K.D.R.C.
5th head ... 11	11
10th head ... 30	19
15th head ... 40	39
18th head ... 44	51
19th head ... 49	51
20th head ... 51	51
21st head ... 53	57

On the first rink Mair's rink were drawn against Lapsley's, the latter leading by 7-4 at the sixth head. At the 12th head the scores were level (10 all). At the seventeenth head Lapsley's men led again by 14-13, but Mair's rink scored on the last four heads and won by 19-14. The winners had one 4 and one 3. The losers' total comprised four 2's and six singles.

A Good Recovery.  
West's four were pitted against Panchon's four, the latter leading by 4-2 at the fifth head.

West's rink monopolised the next six heads and led by 15-4. The score was taken to 16-7 at the 13th head, but the visitors' notched a 6. The home rink thereafter got only a 2 and a couple of singles and the Dock boys forced the game to a draw—20 all. The home rink had three 3's (in succession), whilst the Dock had one 6 and a couple of 3's.

Cullen's team met Oram's team, and the first 11 heads saw remarkably low scoring, the figures being 7-7. A 3 for the Police was followed by 3, 1, 4, 2 for the Dock, the latter then leading by 17-10. The Police got only a couple of 2's thereafter and lost by 23-14, a 4 on the last head giving the Dock a clear win of four points for the Club as a whole. The highest score for the Police was a 3, whilst the Dock had a couple of 4's and a 3.

### SKIPS' RECORDS.

Division I.	P.	W.	D.	L.
W. Russell, K.B.G.C.	4	4	0	0
A. E. Silstone, K.C.C.	4	3	1	0
U. M. Omar, C.C.C.	4	3	0	1
F. Cullen, K.D.	4	3	0	1
J. Gibson, K.C.C.	3	2	0	1
E. el Arculli, C.C.C.	3	2	0	1
A. H. Lay, K.C.C.	3	2	0	1
R. Luz, C. de R.	4	3	0	1
J. C. West, P.R.C.	5	2	1	2
C. S. Rosset, C.C.C.	2	2	0	0
Rumjahn, C.C.C.	2	2	0	0
R. Baza, C.C.C.	3	2	0	1
Gregory, C.S.C.	4	2	0	2
J. C. Brown, K.D.	4	2	0	2
J. Ferguson, T.R.C.	4	2	0	2
N. Drummond, T.R.C.	4	2	0	2
R. Wallace, T.R.C.	4	2	0	2
W. Mair, P.R.C.	3	2	0	1
J. Fraser, K.C.C.	3	2	0	1
C. E. Marques, C. de R.	3	1	0	2
J. Hollidge, C.S.C.	3	1	0	2
D. Warren, K.B.G.C.	3	1	0	2
A. O. Brown, C.S.C.	4	1	0	3
L. Guy, K.B.G.C.	4	1	0	3
C. Silva, C. de R.	4	1	0	3
R. Lapsley, K.D.	5	1	0	4
A. Holland, C.S.C.	1	0	1	0
L. A. Gutierrez, C. de R.	1	0	1	0
A. J. Johnson, P.R.C.	3	0	1	2
J. Panchon, K.D.	1	0	1	1
R. Hall, K.B.G.C.	1	0	1	1
T. G. Lyal, K.C.C.	1	0	1	1
J. Oram, P.R.C.	2	0	0	2
F. Booker, P.R.C.	2	0	0	2

### Division II.

W. Drake, K.B.G.C.	4	4	0	0
A. Shields, Y.C.	4	4	0	0
A. Davidson, K.B.G.C.	3	3	0	0
J. O'Leary, C. de R.	4	3	0	1
J. Robinson, K.C.C.	4	3	0	1
H. Alves, C. de R.	2	2	0	0
A. de Souza, C.C.C.	4	2	1	1
W. Macfarlane, Y.C.	4	2	1	1
H. E. Strang, C.S.C.	3	2	0	1
W. J. Bickford, C.S.C.	3	2	0	1
T. Grimes, T.R.C.	4	2	0	2
J. Jack, K.C.C.	4	2	0	2
V. Lebrun, K.C.C.	4	2	0	2
R. Duncan, T.R.C.	4	2	0	2
F. Silva, C. de R.	4	2	0	2
D. Munro, T.R.C.	4	2	0	2
F. V. Ribeiro, C. de R.	1	1	0	0
P. Ramsey, Y.C.	1	1	0	0
W. Gill, C.C.C.	1	1	0	0
J. P. Lumpy, E.R.C.	2	1	0	1
J. Shellhear, Y.C.	2	1	0	1
W. Holland, C.S.C.	4	1	1	2
V. Petherick, K.B.G.C.	3	1	1	1

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### GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S REVENGE.

WORCESTER DEFEATED.  
Parker Again Captures  
Ten Wickets.

HAMMOND'S CENTURY.

London, Yesterday.  
On the Wagon Works ground at Gloucester to-day Worcestershire lost to Gloucestershire by an innings and 71 runs after two days' play. On June 2 Worcestershire surprised their many supporters by defeating Gloucestershire by 101 runs at Stourbridge, but their crushing defeat to-day was only to be expected from the hands of a team which was still smarting under its recent defeat.

Worcester took first use of the wicket and totalled 103, Parker claiming half the wickets for 44 runs. Gloucestershire, thanks to a good partnership between Hammond (100) and Neale (96), were able to declare when 150 runs ahead. Worcester's second innings was a debacle, Parker (5 for 39) and Goddard (4 for 29) dismissing the side for 79 runs.

Full results as cabled by Reuters were as follow:—

Gloucestershire beat Worcestershire by an innings and 71 runs on the Wagon Works ground, Gloucester.

Scores:—  
Worcester: 103 (Parker 5 for 44); 79 (Parker 5 for 39, Goddard 4 for 29).  
Gloucester: 253 for 6 dec. (Hammond 100, Neale 96).

### GREAT BRITAIN NOT COMPETING.

European Swimming Championships.

### UNOFFICIAL REPRESENTATION.

London, June 2.

Great Britain will not take part in the European swimming championships to be held in Paris between August 23 and 30, according to the Amateur Swimming Association committee. The French association told the British committee that they were prepared to pay only the expenses of five women swimmers and a limited number of officials.

Amateur swimming officials believe that Britain could not adequately be represented by such a team.

Although there will be no official British representatives at the European swimming championships, British swimmers will take part in a number of international water contests.

A British water polo team will meet a German team on July 18 and 19, probably at Hamburg and Bremen. The water polo match between Britain and France is scheduled for October 17 and will take place in London with Dr. M. Nussbaum, Germany, as referee.

The inter-country speed swimming contest between England, Scotland and Wales will be held on September 5 at Rhyl and the national breast-stroke championship will take place seven days later. The Ireland-Scotland water polo match will probably be played on August 8 or 15 at a venue to be fixed by Ireland-United Press.

### WATER POLO.

C.A.A. DEFEAT CHINESE BATHING CLUB.

At the V.R.C. last night the Chinese Athletic Association beat the Chinese Bathing Club by four goals to nil in the Senior Division. In the Junior Division the Kowloon "A" beat the Royal Signals by seven goals to nil.

### GOLF.

JUNE CAPTAIN'S CUP CORRECTION.

We have been notified by the Secretary of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club that J. E. Richardson with a score of 86-18=104 qualified, and not E. J. Munro as already officially stated.

	P.	W.	D.	L.
C. Spink, C.C.C.	1	0	0	1
J. Deakin, C.S.C.	1	0	0	1
L. Luck, C.S.C.	1	0	0	1
W. V. Field, C.C.C.	1	0	0	1
M. O'Brien, C.C.C.	1	0	0	1
H. E. Rose, K.B.G.C.	1	0	0	1
F. L. Bapley, K.B.G.C.	1	0	0	1
F. X. Soares, C. de R.	1	0	0	1
A. Chapman, Y.C.	1	0	0	1
A. Paul, E.R.C.	2	0	0	2
H. Pearce, C.C.C.	4	0	0	4
A. Webster, E.R.C.	4	0	0	4
W. Munkit, E.R.C.	4	0	0	4

## AT THE STAR

TO-DAY & TO-MORROW  
At 2.30, 5.20, 7.20 & 9.20

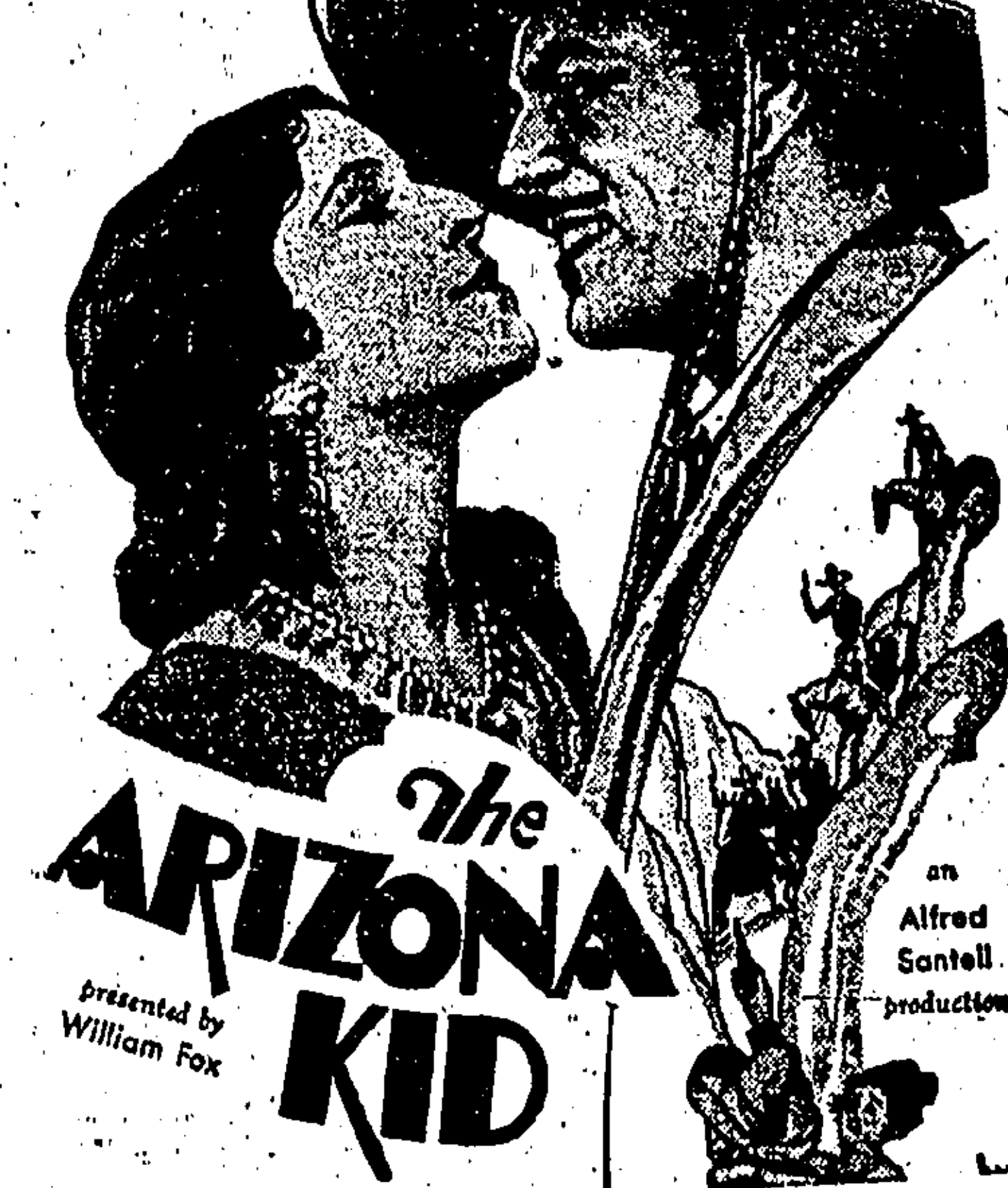
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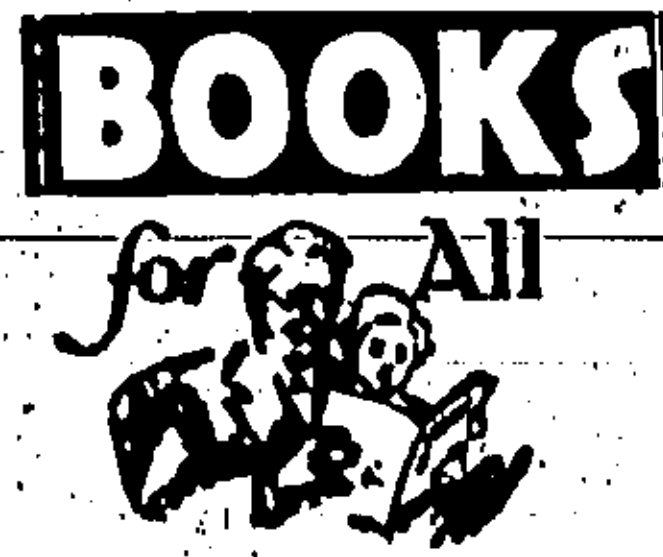
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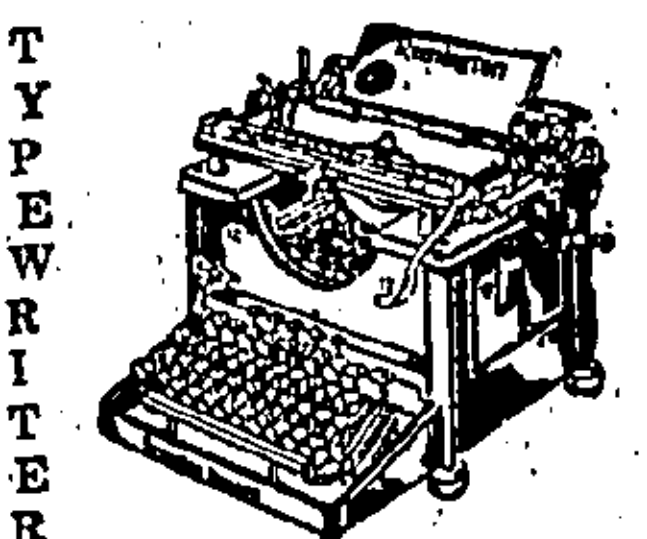
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## TALES OF A CITY UNDER-SHERIFF.

When the Judge Asked  
for Hot Brandy.

### LONDON MEMORIES.

Mr. T. Howard Deighton has  
filled the office of Under-Sheriff  
of the City of London twelve  
times, and will probably do so  
again next year.

"I had to take a rest this  
year," he told me, "as there has  
been such a rush of business  
lately." He is still, at the age  
of sixty-five, an extremely busy  
solicitor, and not many men of  
his age have such a fund of  
humour and vitality.

It was in a West End club  
that we were lunching, and with  
us was Mr. T. Lewis Sayer, who  
recently retired after forty-nine  
years' service at the Mansion  
House. Mr. Deighton figured  
largely in his recent book of City  
remembrances, "Gog and Magog  
and I," and the conversation was  
naturally of the "Do you remem-  
ber . . ." variety, with myself  
silent and all ears.

### Ceremony of the Black Cap.

"I can just remember," said  
Mr. Deighton, "though I was five  
years old at the time, the excite-  
ment caused by the last public  
hanging in London. Five Fenians  
tried to release some fellow con-  
spirators by blowing in the gates  
of Clerkenwell Prison, and the  
explosion killed some passers-by.  
The murderers were hanged out-  
side the prison, and I saw about  
three years ago in The Evening  
News that a poor blind fellow  
peddling bootlaces, or something  
of the sort, in Holborn had turned  
out to be one of the people in-  
jured in the explosion. Of course,  
he was only a little boy at the  
time, and the poor little chap had  
his sight destroyed."

"There is a very wrong impres-  
sion in most people's minds," he  
went on, "in connection with  
the death sentence. The com-  
mon idea is that a judge puts on  
the black cap, which is merely a  
triangular piece of black cloth,  
only on the occasion of a death  
sentence. They seem to think it's  
a sort of judicial mourning. No-  
thing of the kind. When the  
Lord Mayor is sworn in on  
November 9, all the Judges of  
the Lord Chief Justice's Court  
were the black cap — and the

Lord Mayor doesn't swing! No,  
the black cap is merely part of  
the Judge's ceremonial dress, and  
as sentencing a man to death is  
a most solemn occasion, he must  
be in full ceremonial dress."

Mr. Deighton then told me a  
story of Mr. Justice Hawkins,  
who sentenced Alice Rhodes to  
death for murder in the Penge  
case. She was reprieved. Years  
later, the judge went to Lewes  
for the Assizes and as the night  
of his arrival was very cold, he  
entered the station buffet and  
ordered a brandy and hot water.  
A woman served him and when  
he saw her face, he said, "Surely  
your face is familiar to me,"  
"So it ought to be," said she.  
"You sentenced me to death."

Mistaking "F.E." for a  
Commissionaire.

"There is one thing about the  
death sentence which puzzles me,"  
said Mr. Sayer. "How do you  
always manage to produce a  
chaplain at an instant's notice to  
stand behind the judge's chair?  
One never sees a chaplain in the  
precincts of the court during the  
jury's deliberations."

"He's there, all the same,"  
said Mr. Deighton. "But he  
comes in plain clothes. As soon  
as the jury have decided on the  
case, the foreman tells the usher;  
and if the verdict is guilty, the  
usher tells the Under-Sheriffs,  
who hurries off to find the chap-  
lain and tells him to put on his  
robes."

Talk turned to the various  
eminent counsel of the past  
twenty or thirty years, and Mr.  
Deighton gave it as his opinion  
that the two greatest were Sir  
Edward Marshall Hall for the de-  
fence and Sir Richard Muir for  
the prosecution. "But the late  
Lord Birkenhead was  
perhaps the most brilliant of all,"  
he added, "and the most charm-  
ing and unconventional in private  
life."

"After a dinner some two years  
ago—I was leaving the Cecil by  
the Embankment exit, which  
was rather dark. Seeing a sta-  
tionary figure, I said, 'Call me a  
taxi, please'—thinking, of  
course, that I was address-  
ing a commissionaire. 'Certainly,  
Mister Under-sheriff,' answered  
a voice I knew only too well,  
'though I fear I shall receive no  
emolument from the hotel.' Lord  
Birkenhead!"

"That 'Gloomy Old Bloke'!"  
"Another time I was showing  
some country cousins round the  
Houses of Parliament, and we  
were admiring the statue of  
Cromwell outside the House of  
Commons when I felt a whack  
between the shoulder-blades. As I

turned round indignantly, I  
heard, 'Well, Mr. Under-Sheriff,  
and what are you doing out of  
your City?' It was Lord Birken-  
head again, the Lord Chancellor.  
And when I told him what I was  
doing, he insisted on us all going  
to tea with him."

A thought of Wilfrid Shadbolt,  
the jailer in "The Yeomen of the  
Guard" passed through my mind  
when Mr. Deighton told me these  
two yarns:

"I visited in his cell a man who  
had been condemned for murder-  
ing a Canadian soldier. He was  
tucking in at steak and onions—  
condemned men are given pretty  
well what they want during the  
three weeks before their execu-  
tion—and I said to him, 'Well  
Jones, is there anything I can do  
for you?'"

"Blimey, guv'nor," he said, "if  
I'm going to get grub like this all  
along till they string me up, it's  
a bit of all right!"

"There are plenty more as call-  
ous as that," Mr. Deighton con-  
cluded. "Perhaps this is rather  
an old story, but you may not  
have heard it. A very deaf pris-  
oner was being sentenced to  
death, and as the judge put on  
the black cap, he leant over the  
front of the box and with his  
hand to his ear said in the pen-  
etrating voice of the deaf: 'What's  
the old bloke saying?'"

"'H'sh!' said the usher in  
shocked tones, 'His Lordship is  
sentencing you to death!'"

"The prisoner glanced again at  
the judge and remarked, 'Gloomy  
old bloke, ain't he?'—Mr. D. in  
Evening News.

### AFTERNOON TRANSMISSION.

The French private radio stations  
have often to cope with financial  
difficulties. Their revenue consists  
chiefly of payments for radio trans-  
missions, and these payments have  
proved insufficient for defraying the  
expenses of good programmes. It  
is for this reason that many of the  
stations, such as Radio-Toulouse,  
have to limit their programmes  
almost entirely to transmissions of  
gramophones, record music. Radio-  
Paris is one of the few French  
private stations which frequently  
broadcast good programmes. Here,  
too, the shortage of money has  
resulted in a decision to discontinue  
all afternoon transmissions. Plans  
exist, however, in France to re-  
organise broadcasting entirely and  
to give the French broadcasting  
organisation a more coherent form.

### SINGER'S LOSS.

\$3,000 JEWEL AND FUR  
ROBBERY.

Jewellery and furs worth nearly  
\$3,000 were stolen from the flat of  
Mr. Clarence Johnstone, the famous  
music-hall artiste, of Layton and  
Johnstone, in mail week.

The flat, which is on the first  
floor at Castellain Mansions, Maids  
Vale, had been left by Mr. and Mrs.  
Johnstone during the evening.

The burglars forced the kitchen  
window and then, apparently, went  
to the front door, where they put on  
the chain.

They then went into a bedroom,  
where they forced open a wardrobe  
and the drawers of a dressing table.

Mrs. Johnstone told an Evening  
News correspondent: "When my  
husband and I returned, just after  
midnight, we found the chain on  
the front door. We tried for a  
time to open the door, and finally  
burst it open."

"My bedroom was in a state of  
great disorder. The doors of the  
wardrobe were open and the draw-  
ers of the dressing table had been  
opened and the contents strewn  
about."

"My jewel-case, containing prac-  
tically all my jewellery, and a fur  
stole and a mink coat were missing.  
The burglars had apparently not  
gone into any other room."

Mr. Johnstone said that silver  
used at a dinner party he had given  
in the flat earlier in the evening  
had not been touched.

"Nothing was heard of the bur-  
glars by the occupants of adjoining  
flats," he said. "My little dog,  
which had been left in the flat, had  
been doped, and is still far from  
well. I sincerely hope they have  
not given him a slow poison."

The stolen jewellery includes a  
diamond ring, a platinum and dia-  
mond wrist watch, a large single-  
stone diamond pendant, a diamond  
bracelet, a diamond and enamelled  
vanity case, diamond earrings, dia-  
mond links, platinum and diamond  
studs.

Detectives who have searched the  
flat have failed to discover any  
finger-prints.

Over 1,600,000 pounds of salmon  
were caught in the coastal waters  
and rivers of the Province of  
Quebec last year, or 615,000 pounds  
more than in 1929. The Quebec  
salmon is a great delicacy and finds  
a ready market.

## GAMBLING AWAY THE WAKING HOURS.

Card Playing Should  
Be Checked.

### SIAMESE PETITION.

Bangkok, May 13.  
Ten residents of Bangkok  
have submitted a petition to H.R.H.  
the Regent asking him to check  
the liberty allowed card players  
to gamble away most of their  
waking hours without thinking of  
their health or their work. The  
President of the Chinese Chamber  
of Commerce is one of the signa-  
tories. Under the new regulations  
folk can play cards in their homes  
from after noon till two o'clock in  
the morning. This regulation or  
permission has simply regularised  
the playing of cards. Before it  
was introduced, the Prince in his  
palace and his family did play  
cards without interruption on the  
part of the police; a game of cards  
was part of the recreations of high  
society every day; likewise the  
foreigner at his club could play to  
his heart's content, but the ordinary  
plain man or woman could not  
have a little flutter without, if  
caught, being hauled before the  
police and the courts and heavily  
fined. Now all can play certain  
card games openly, and without in-  
terference by the police.

### Departures and Changes.

Mr. F. D'Arcy, sole partner in  
the old established firm of Harry  
A. Badman and Co., and Mr. A. C.  
Moore of the Siam Commercial  
Bank Ltd., have left for home by  
the Dollar line, and Mr. H. E. M.  
Martin, forest manager of the  
Anglo-Siam Corporation Ltd., has  
gone home via the Pacific. An-  
other departure is Dr. C. Gayatti,  
who after a residence of many  
years and two previous attempts to  
leave the country for good declares  
this is really a final farewell. His  
friends who want to see him off  
frankly refused to believe his as-  
sertion, and expect him back in  
due course. He has been medical  
adviser to the State Railways for  
several years.

Changes continue in the com-  
position of the foreign community.  
Mr. P. A. MacDonnell of the Hong  
Kong and Shanghai Bank, who has  
been secretary of the Polo and Rid-  
ing Club, is going on leave. He is a  
keen rider and an enthusiastic cine-  
camera expert. Before saying  
good-bye he is visiting the towns

in the interior, shooting scenes,  
and is going home via South  
Africa, as that seems off the  
beaten route. His place is taken  
in the bank by Mr. F. L. Haymes,  
who comes from the London agency  
with a reputation for cricket, and  
at the Polo Club by Mr. F. L. Cave-  
Penny of the A.P.C.

### South-West Monsoon Breaks.

To the relief of everybody the  
south-west monsoon seems to have  
broken and the intense heat of the  
hot dry season has passed. It must  
not be assumed that the nationals  
of the country are indifferent to  
this hot weather; they suffer just  
as much as those from colder  
climates, and as many as can seek  
to spend the sultry days by the  
seaside. Hua Hin has this year  
been on an average ten degrees  
cooler than Bangkok. Just how  
hot it has been may be instanced  
by the temperatures recorded at  
the northern capital Chienghai.  
From April 26, till May 3, the  
lowest maximum temperature was  
103 Fahr. On three out of the  
fourteen days the temperature  
went to 106, and on one to 108½.  
All who could fled to the uplands  
of the mountain which keeps  
watch over the city, and five thou-  
sand feet up amid the pines and  
the oaks, they forgot the torrid-  
ness of life in the plains below.

### Fire Season Flourishes.

The fire season seems by no  
means to have come to an end, and  
that which took place in Bangkok  
recently, dispossessed thou-  
sands of the poorer class  
from their homes, such as  
they are, with the loss of their bits  
of effects, and will cost the insur-  
ance companies, both European  
and Chinese, another pretty penny.  
Over four hundred homes were  
destroyed, and the majority of the  
burnt-out property had only recent-  
ly been erected. But buildings of  
this type, built of soft woods, other  
than teak, with corrugated iron  
once they get alight, burn with in-  
credible fierceness. The landlords  
are practically all Siamese and the  
rents of the destroyed shop houses  
vary from Tcs. two to twenty a  
month. In the week there were  
also two more fires in the pro-  
vinces, one in Pattani did damage  
to the extent of Tcs. 150,000 odd,  
and another at Tarua has wiped  
out the market town of that name.  
This is the jumping off point for  
the thousands of pilgrims who  
twice yearly visit the mountain  
where Buddha is supposed to have  
set the imprint of his foot in the  
course of one of his pilgrimages.

### A Racing Point.

The Sky meeting at the Sports  
Club has passed off successfully,  
only one afternoon of the three

being affected by rain. The meet-  
ing brought to light a case for the  
revision of the rules. The rules  
provide that horses not intended to  
be run in a race must be scratched  
the evening prior to the races,  
and if the declaration is not made,  
and the horse not run, the owner  
has to pay Tcs. 500. The horse in  
question went lame, and somehow  
or other the declaration at the  
scratches was overlooked or  
omitted. At the time of the race  
the owner produced his animal, de-  
clared him unfit but was not allowed  
to scratch it on the course. The  
unfortunate public knowing nothing  
about the horse not being fit  
backed it on the tote, and rather  
than a fine of Tcs. 500 the owner  
let his horse canter round the  
course a great distance behind the  
field. On the course were several  
officials of the local Society for the  
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.  
Owners of lame horses running on  
the streets are fined by the courts,  
and people are asking if it is cruel  
to run lame racing horses. The  
Racing Association will take up  
the other question as to the wisdom  
of modifying the heavy fine attach-  
ing to an accidental omission to  
scratch. The public feel sore  
about the incident as punters feel  
they might have been told the  
horse had no earthly chance and  
was not fit before they started to  
put their money on.

### A Quiet May Day.

May Day passed off very quietly  
throughout Siam; there were abso-  
lutely no incidents, and indeed it  
may be wondered whether to the  
great majority of the  
people, in his peaceful land,  
the day conveyed anything.  
Which it as it should be.  
The Siamese have a pretty full  
calendar of festivals of their own  
which they observe with devotion  
and happiness. The only one they  
have adapted from a foreign calen-  
dar, and which looks like continu-  
ing to be more widely observed, is  
Christmas. Even Chinese New  
Year makes no appeal.—Singapore  
Free Press.

Poultry keeping is on the increase  
in Canada. The total number of  
poultry on the farms in the Domini-  
on at the end of last year was  
estimated at 60,795,000, of which  
56,247,000 were hens and chickens;  
2,899,000 turkeys; 1,160,000 geese  
and 989,000 ducks. The value of all  
these birds is placed at \$54,852,000.  
Two years ago the total number of  
poultry was 53,779,000. Poultry  
are successfully raised commercially  
in all of the provinces of Canada.  
The principal centre of the industry  
is the Province of Ontario.



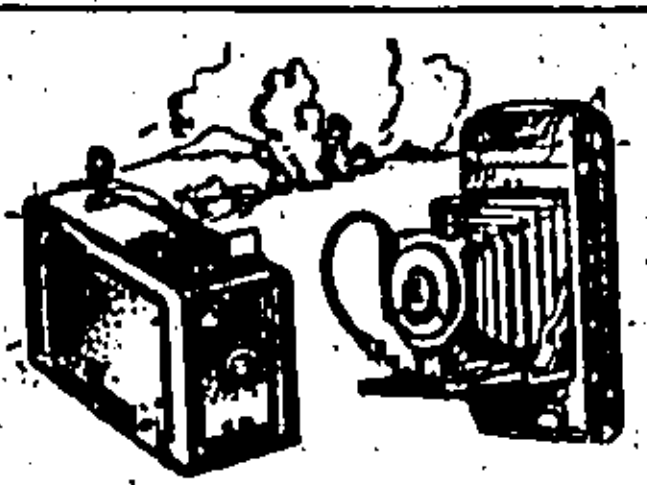
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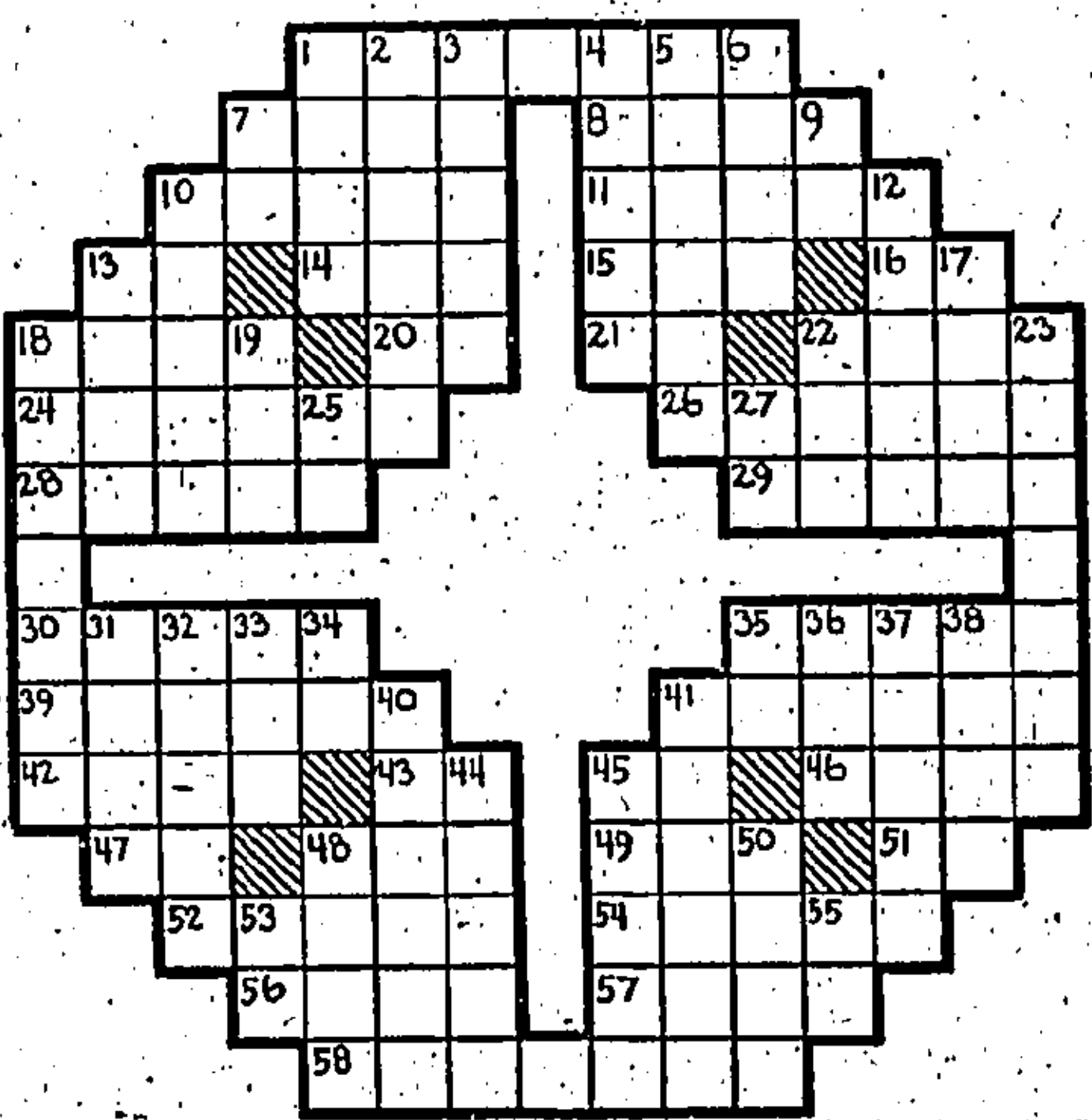
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### DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but  
our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic  
spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



#### HORIZONTAL

- 1—To twirl idly (colloq.)
- 7—Snowy
- 8—Choice
- 10—A fog-horn
- 11—Efface
- 13—A thoroughfare (abbr.)
- 14—Diminutive suffix (abbr.)
- 15—Sister (abbr.)
- 16—Negative reply (abbr.)
- 18—Rend (abbr.)
- 20—Duster (abbr.)
- 21—A continent (abbr.)
- 22—Wise
- 24—A Spanish title (pl.)
- 25—Trilled
- 28—A sister
- 29—Performed
- 30—To absorb
- 35—An island of West Indies
- 39—Pertaining to the
- 41—A large weapon
- 42—Entrance
- 43—Because
- 46—County (abbr.)
- 48—Male deer

#### HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 47—Half an em
- 48—Amount (abbr.)
- 49—Regret extremely
- 51—A boy's name (short)
- 52—The old name of Ghosen
- 54—Mistake
- 56—Hire
- 57—Sert
- 58—Vast plains devoid of forest (Russia)

#### VERTICAL

- 1—One of the tropical plants of the arum family
- 2—Commands
- 3—The utmost part
- 4—Clothe
- 5—Laseo
- 6—Time period (pl.)
- 7—Six (Roman)
- 8—Plural suffix of some nouns
- 10—Tolerate
- 12—Perform
- 13—Plant

#### VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 17—A molding having a long S curve (Arch.)
- 18—Feminine of tair
- 19—Fish eggs
- 22—A cavity
- 23—Moving as in an eddy
- 25—Railroad (abbr.)
- 27—Egyptian sun-god
- 31—Built
- 32—The verge of a steep
- 33—Out (S. Afr. D.)
- 34—Each (abbr.)
- 35—Interjection
- 36—Answer (abbr.)
- 37—Bury
- 38—An animal resembling a frog
- 40—Mourn
- 41—Carry
- 44—A firm
- 45—Crawl
- 46—Greek god of war
- 48—Eggs
- 55—Elders
- 56—Old English (abbr.)

## RADIO TOPICS

### THE BATTLE OF PROPAGANDA.

On the Air Every Night.

Radio in its all-conquering march throughout the world has brought many blessings, has linked up peoples and continents, has enabled music and culture of the cities to penetrate into the furthestmost corners of rural desolation, has been the means of broadcasting some great manifestations of peace and goodwill, has even become the vehicle for letting Catholics all the world over hear the voice of the Holy Father in Rome.

Which, to the majority of people concerned, is doubtless a very agreeable result. But radio is beginning here and there to have some unexpectedly awkward consequences. A few weeks ago the world's press resounded with denunciations of the disturbing activities of Russian stations. In some cases what was objected to was what one might call spiritual interference, that is, a kind of propaganda which was profoundly distasteful to the countries affected by it. In other cases the ground went up that the Soviet stations were purposely interfering with other people's emissions. This latter reproach was waved aside by the Russians who protested if anything of the kind had occurred it was entirely accidental. However, that may be, the trick is not a new one; it has been employed by other people before, and stations broadcasting German news have not been exempt from time to time from interference of this kind by emission posts abroad choosing just the precise instant of broadcasting to emit with superior local power either a national anthem repeated umpteen times or else some unintelligible code-farrago.

#### Wave Radio War.

Now the source of trouble is on the Baltic. Lithuania and Poland are waging a radio war on their own. Hostilities have already been opened and if strong language may be reckoned as casualties, then to judge by the press of both countries, the casualties are truly devastating. Kowno has a broadcasting station, which not infrequently sends out stories which it, no doubt rightly, believes, to be agreeable to those inhabitants of Vilna who have remained faithful to the Lithuanian tradition. This Lithuanian propaganda was gradually increased in quantity and power and they have lately started giving it out in three languages, in Lithuanian, in White Russian and in Yiddish. Some of it is pretty blunt stuff: open appeals to all and sundry in the neighbourhood to come and join the happy Lithuanian family under the glorious Lithuanian flag.

This has annoyed the Poles intensely. The Poles are constitutionally incapable of appreciating what benefits there may be under the Lithuanian flag. For them, Vilna inhabitants, Jews and White Russians are not to be thought of in these regions save under the Polish eagle. They started at first dishing out counter propaganda; but, whatever be the merits of Poles otherwise, their propaganda apparently did not seem very adroit to the populations concerned.

#### Poles' New Game.

So now the Poles have started a new game. They have erected in Vilna itself a station which will not only prevent anyone in or around the city hearing one word of what the Kowno experts are saying but will knock into a cocked hat anything else in the way of radio with in a radius of a hundred and fifty miles. Thus they annex to Poland so far as radio is concerned, large parts of Lithuania and appreciable sections of Soviet Russia as far as and including Minsk.

The Lithuanians are not throwing up the sponge. The semi-official Kowno newspaper Lietuvos Aidas has just published a flaming appeal to the cabinet to strengthen the Kowno station to such an extent that it shall drown the Vilna one! Meantime the Russians are not idle either, and a recent article in the "Izvestia" indicates that, as soon as they have got the time to spare from pushing the Five Years' Plan, the Soviet people will turn their attention to the Lithuanian and Polish air propagandists and

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

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### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres.

6-8 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

6-8.27 p.m.—Talkie Tunes.  
Show of Shows—Selection.  
Regal Cinema Orchestra, DX15.  
Rio Rita—Rio Rita—If You're in Love, You'll Waltz.  
Edith Day and Geoffrey Gwyther, DX55.  
The Desert Song—Selection.  
Debby Somer's Band, 9200.  
6.27-6.44 p.m.—Quartet in F Major (Beethoven Op. 135).  
Lerner String Quartet, L1918 & L1919.  
6.44-7.12 p.m.—Overtures.  
Tancredi (Rossini arr. Dutholt).  
B.B.C. Wireless Military Band, DX155.  
Crown Diamonds (Auber).  
The Bronze Horse (Auber).  
Sir Dan Godfrey conducting the Municipal Orch., DX77.  
Rosamunde (Schubert).  
Sir Hamilton Harty conducting The Halle Orch., L1998.  
7.12-8 p.m.—A Concert.  
Octet—Albumblatt (Album Leaf).  
(Wagner arr. Willoughby).  
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet, DX20.  
Song—Sea Wreck (O'Neill & Harty).  
Muriel Brunskill (Contralto).  
9597.  
Piano Solo—Old Vienna (Schubert—Friedman).  
Ignaz Friedman, L2107.  
Vocal Octet—The Keys of Heaven (Arr. Elliot Burton).  
Vocal Octet—Studies in Imitation (Arr. Hughes).  
Leon Marie Voice Octet, DX30.  
Violin Solo—Slovak Dance in G Minor (Dvorak—Kreiser).  
Violin Solo—Largo (Veracini).  
Joseph Sziget, L2097.  
Song—O Vision Entrancing from "Esmeralda" (Mazars & Thomas).  
Song—My Dreams (Weatherly and Test).  
Tom Burke (Tenor), L1951.  
8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.  
8.31-11.30 p.m.—Ko Shing Theatre Relay.  
11.30 p.m.—Close Down.

as reprisals for the Vilna station, erect in Minsk a broadcasting station that will emit solid bolshevik propaganda at the rate of sixteen to the dozen in Russian, White Russian, Lithuanian, Yiddish and Polish, and with such power behind it that neither Lithuanians nor Poles will be able to get a whisper of their own in.

Announcements by Radio.  
So far German radio has been, so far as local broadcasting is concerned, fairly free from hostilities of the kind. But almost daily new uses are being found, or rather, are finding themselves, to which wireless may be put.

Thus the other night, Elisabeth Bergner, Germany's leading actress, who plays the lead in "Amphytrion" at the Theatre in der Stresemannstrasse, was seized with a chill about seven o'clock in the evening. That is, of course, an awkward, but a very favourite time for distinguished actors and actresses to be seized with a chill. Anyway she could not play, and neither threats nor cajolings on the part of the director could induce her to alter her decision.

Ordinarily the public would have streamed to the theatre expectantly, been confronted at the box office with a note that another play had put on, because Elisabeth Bergner was indisposed. Many of them would have gone away altogether, others would have remained unwillingly. All of them would have been in an exceedingly bad temper.

This is where the radio came in. The director had a flash of genius. Directors sometimes have. He telephoned to the Berlin radio station. Within a few minutes the station was broadcasting the announcement. The result was that of the hundreds who went to that theatre that evening, not more than a couple of dozen had been apprised of the change of programme. Consequence, good humour and smiles all round. Thanks to the radio.

### Radio Prevents Poisoning.

Another singular instance of the uses of wireless broadcasting may be cited, which also occurred in Berlin within the past few days. A woman went into a chemist's shop to buy some drug she had been ordered by the doctor. She paid her money over the counter, got her bottle and went serenely on her way. A few minutes later the chemist's assistant discovered he had made a fatal mistake: if the woman took what he had given her, she would probably be in extremis within an hour or two. He rushed out into the street. The woman had disappeared. He did not know her name or address. What to do? He rushed to the telephone and called up the broadcasting station. At a few minutes interval for the next half-hour, the announcement was made through the station. The woman on going home turned on her radio, heard it, and had her life saved, thanks again to the radio—Trans-ocean Service.

### 21 RADIO BEACONS.

#### Chain Of Stations Throughout United States.

Washington, May 1.  
A chain of 21 radio range beacon stations has been completed to guide pilots on a trans-continental airway between New York and San Francisco.

The aeronautics branch of the commerce department, which completed the chain with a beacon at Medicine Bow, Wyo., says this is the first airway of comparable length to have complete radio directional service.

Signals broadcast by the stations are heard by pilots wearing earphones under their helmets. Two code letters, A and N, are sent out with the signals merging in a long dash when the pilot is on his course. When he deviates from the route, one or the other of the letter-signals predominates, indicating by which side of his course he has strayed.

The trans-continental system is formed by beacons at Oakland, Alameda, and Summit, Calif.; Fernley and Elko, Nev.; Salt Lake City,

Utah; Knight, Rock Springs, Medicine Bow, and Cheyenne, Wyo.; Sidney, North Platte, York, and Omaha, Neb.; Des Moines, Ia.; Sterling and Chicago, Ill.; Goshen, Ind.; Cleveland, O.; Bellefonte Pa.; and New Brunswick, N. J.—Associated Press.

### LARGEST RECEIVING STATION UNUSED.

The receiving station recently erected by the Department of Trade on Grand Island, Nebraska, for the supervision of all transmitting stations, has been put out of service, as it did not serve its purpose. The number of transmitting stations is daily increasing, and their proper supervision would necessitate the employment of an extensive staff and a large number of apparatus, involving excessive cost.

### RECEPTION OF WARSAW.

From reports that have been received regarding the reception of the 160 kw transmitting station near Warsaw, it appears that this station is very well heard. Crystal reception in Poland is excellent, whilst British listeners are enthusiastic at the good quality of this transmitter and the absence of fading.

### Only One Cure For Anaemia.

Anaemia, that insidious ailment which gives rise to so many subsidiary complaints, is one of the most prevalent and dangerous diseases of present day civilisation. Blood impoverishment, for that is anaemia, means that life and health is threatened at its very source. It has been well said that the condition of your blood is the condition of your health. Moreover, there is scarcely a disease or ailment of any kind which is not attributable to the depleted and impure condition of the blood supply. Physical weakness and emaciation, pallor and giddiness, debility and neurasthenia, dyspepsia, rheumatism and that class of ailments which afflict the female sex, are all traceable to blood impoverishment and can only be treated efficiently at their source—the blood stream.

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	Prime Cut	牛尾	lb.	30	28	11	
	Cornd	牛尾	lb.	—	28	12	
	Roast	牛尾	lb.	33	24	22	
	Breast	牛尾	lb.	30	20	18	
	Soup	牛尾	lb.	27	20	18	
	Steak	牛尾	lb.	33	24	22	
	Steak Sirloin	牛尾	lb.	46	30	35	
	Sausages	牛尾	lb.	36	26	20	
Bullock's	Brains	牛尾	per set	17	10	12	
	Tongue, fresh	牛尾	each	75	50	60	
	Tongue, corned	牛尾	each	—	60	—	
	Head	牛尾	lb.	\$1.20	—	\$1.20	
	Heart	牛尾	lb.	24	18	14	
	Hump, Salt	牛尾	lb.	—	20	18	
	Feet	牛尾	each	12	10	12	
	Kidneys	牛尾	lb.	15	10	12	
	Tail	牛尾	lb.	27	20	22	
	Liver	牛尾	lb.	24	13	14	
	Tripe	牛尾	lb.	8	6	7	
Calves' Head & Feet	牛尾	set	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$1.00		
Mutton	Chop	牛尾	lb.	44	26	—	
	Leg	牛尾	lb.	44	26	—	
	Shoulder	牛尾	lb.	40	24	—	
	Saddle	牛尾	lb.	44	—	—	
Pigs'	Chittlings	牛尾	Per set	3	—	—	
	Brains	牛尾	lb.	16	15	—	
	Feet	牛尾	lb.	28	15	18	
	Fry	牛尾	lb.	18	20	—	
	Head	牛尾	each	15	10	10	
	Heart	牛尾	each	15	10	3	
	Kidneys	牛尾	lb.	48	30	24	
	Liver	牛尾	lb.	36	25	23	
Pork	Chop	牛尾	lb.	38	—	—	
	Leg	牛尾	lb.	44	60	70	
	Loin	牛尾	lb.	26	21	—	
	Fat or Lard	牛尾	per set	90	60	70	
Sheep's	Head & Feet	牛尾	each	12	8	7	
	Heart	牛尾	lb.	15	12	10	
	Kidneys	牛尾	lb.	45	26	25	
	Liver	牛尾	lb.	25	25	22	
Sucking	Pigs, to order	牛尾	lb.	80	20	18	
Suet, Beef		牛尾	lb.	36	26	23	
	Mutton	牛尾	lb.	22	20	20	
	Sausages	牛尾	lb.	28	—	—	
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### Fish.

Barbel	魚	lb.	48	16	24
Bream	魚	lb.	30	20	16
Canton Fresh Water	魚	lb.	30	—	—
Carp	魚	lb.	30	13	16
Catfish	魚	lb.	36	16	27
Goddah	魚	lb.	34	12	9
Crabs	魚	lb.	42	16	26
Cuttle Fish	魚	lb.	24	23	26
Dab	魚	lb.	26	18	27
Dace	魚	lb.	42	23	16
Dog Fish	魚	lb.	21	10	—
Eels, Conger	魚	lb.	38	10	8
Fresh Water	魚	lb.	42	10	8
Yellow	魚	lb.	70	26	30
Frogs	魚	lb.	74	32	25
Garoupa	魚	lb.	23	40	30
Gudgeon	魚	lb.	28	22	18
Herrings	魚	lb.	32	13	23
Halibut	魚	lb.	34	18	15
Labrus	魚	lb.	68	32	13
Loach	魚	lb.	56	62	24
Lobsters	魚	lb.	35	32	21
Mackerel	魚	lb.	40	20	20
Munk Fish	魚	lb.	35	13	2
Mullet	魚	lb.	35	12	2
Oysters	魚	lb.	25	14	9
Parrot Fish	魚	lb.	20	30	16
Perch	魚	lb.	40	16	9
Pike	魚	lb.	42	36	29
Plaice	魚	lb.	30	36	45
Pomfret, White	魚	lb.	70	10	14
Pomfret, Black	魚	lb.	24	10	14
Prawns	魚	lb.	24	13	16
Ray	魚	lb.	82	22	10
Rock	魚	lb.	48	88	80
Salmon	魚	lb.	20	8	10
Sharks	魚	lb.	20	10	10
Shrimp	魚	lb.	62	33	80
Snapper	魚	lb.	42	28	28
Soles	魚	lb.	35	22	28
Tench	魚	lb.	82	26	85
Turbot	魚	lb.	88	12	12
Turtles, small, fr. water	魚	lb.	115	40	—

### Poultry.

Chicken	雞	lb.	60	30	31
Capon, Small	雞	"	60	28	30
Capon, Large	雞	"	60	28	30
Duck	鴨	"	45	22	21
Doves	鳩	each	50	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooling)	蛋	per doz.	33	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	蛋	"	36	25	20
Fowls, Canton	雞	lb.	63	36	24
Fowls, Hainan	雞	"	58	35	24
Geese	鴨	"	40	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	40	30	—
"	Holbow	鴿	35	28	—
Turkeys, Cock	火雞	lb.	75	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	"	60	61	45
Snipe	沙	each	23	—	—
Pheasant	山	pair	3.50	—	—
Quail	雞	each	45	—	—
Partridges	雞	each	45	—	—



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The management of the Central Theatre has the pleasure to announce that the schedule of prices is to be revised from Monday, June 8, as follows:—

	Dress Circle	Upper Circle	Back Stalls	Front Stalls
2.30 p.m. Adults	\$1.10	55 cts.	55 cts.	35 cts.
Children	.55	30 cts.	30 cts.	20 cts.
5.10 p.m. Adults	\$1.40	80 cts.	80 cts.	45 cts.
Children	.70	40 cts.	40 cts.	30 cts.
7.15 p.m. Adults	\$1.40	80 cts.	80 cts.	45 cts.
Children	.70	40 cts.	40 cts.	30 cts.
9.20 p.m. Adults	\$1.50	80 cts.	80 cts.	45 cts.
Children	.75	40 cts.	40 cts.	30 cts.

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### GERMAN DIPLOMATS RECEIVED BY KING.

Removing International  
Misunderstandings.

WARM RECEPTION.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The German statesmen, Dr. Brüning and Dr. Curtius, who during the week-end had conversations with the Prime Minister and other members of the British Government at The Chequers, had another full day to-day. This morning they were received in audience by the King. It is the first time since before the War that a member of the German Cabinet had been received at Buckingham Palace. Later they were guests at a luncheon of the British and German Society at which Lord Reading presided. This afternoon they attended a reception given in their honour at the Royal Institute of International Affairs.

In welcoming them Sir Neill Malcolm accepted their presence as an indication of the approval of the work of the Institute in stimulating the scientific study of International Affairs in the hope that it might contribute towards the removal of international misunderstandings and so promote the welfare of the world.

Economic Situation.  
Dr. Brüning, replying, expressed warm appreciation of the work of the Institute. Referring to the friendly talks at the Chequers, he said that mutual co-operation between all countries concerned, to try and improve the existing economic situation was agreed upon and he was sure that the spirit of understanding would find a favourable echo in the public opinion of the world. He added he was glad of the opportunity for publicly expressing his thanks to the British statesmen for the warm reception given him and Dr. Curtius.

To-night the visitors will attend a dinner at the German Embassy at which Mr. Ramsay MacDonald will be the chief guest.—British Wireless Service.

Earlier News.  
Rugby, Yesterday.  
Doctor Brüning, the German Chancellor, and Doctor Curtius were entertained by H.M. the King at Buckingham Palace this morning.

After leaving the Palace they were entertained at luncheon by the Anglo-German Association, over which Lord Reading presided. This afternoon a reception has been arranged at the Royal Institute for International Affairs.

This evening there is to be a banquet at the German Embassy.

The Ministers leave London tomorrow morning.—British Wireless Service.

### BOYCOTTED CLOTH.

COMPANY FORMED TO  
PURCHASE IT.

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Rugby, Yesterday.  
Questioned regarding the constitution and operations of the Agency Company registered in India for the purpose of buying and exporting stocks of boycotted cloth, Mr. Wedgwood Benn said that the Company was a public company. No shares had been offered for public subscription. The Company had not yet acquired any stocks for re-exportation. The list of Directors was circulated to members of Parliament.—British Wireless Service.

### SWEEPSTAKE LAW.

QUESTION TO BE DEBATED IN  
PARLIAMENT.

DESIRABLE OR NOT?

Rugby, Yesterday.  
An early statement in Parliament on the subject of whether any amendment of the law relating to sweepstakes was necessary or desirable, which is receiving the careful consideration of the Government, was promised by the Home Secretary, Mr. J. R. Clynes, in replying to a question in the House of Commons.—British Wireless Service.

### WORLD COURT.

TO CONSIDER GERMAN  
CUSTOMS PACT.

ADVISORY OPINION.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
Questioned regarding the decision of the League of Nations Council to refer to the Permanent Court of International Justice the question of the proposed Austro-German Customs Union Mr. Henderson stated that the advisory opinion of the Court would be available about the end of August in time for the next meeting of the League Council.—British Wireless Service.

### EXTRALITY ISSUE.

NEGOTIATIONS REACH A  
FURTHER STAGE.

STATEMENT PROMISED.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, stated in reply to a question in the House of Commons that the negotiations in relation to extraterritoriality in China had reached a stage which enabled them to be reported to both Governments. He hoped shortly to be in a position to make a statement to the House.—British Wireless Service.

### CHINESE POLITICS.

FIFTH PLENARY SESSION OF  
THE C.E.C.

GREAT SIGNIFICANCE.

Nanking, Yesterday.  
Great political significance is attached to a decision to hold the fifth plenary session of the Central Executive Committee on June 13, when changes in the personnel of the National Government are expected to be made. The plenary session of the C.E.C. is the highest authority in the country when the National Party Congress is not in session.

Nineteen members are necessary for a quorum, and twenty-two are at present here.—Rauter.

### FOR GREENWICH.

NEW AND BIGGER REFLECTING  
TELESCOPE.

DONATION OF £15,000.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The Royal Observatory at Greenwich is to have a new and bigger reflecting telescope, besides other important additions to its apparatus.

The new instrument will have a 86-inch reflector. The present one is of 80-inch size.

To meet its cost, with a spectro-scope and new 34-feet dome, Mr. William Yapp has contributed £15,000.—British Wireless Service.

### PHONE INSTRUMENTS STOLEN.

2 Company Employees  
Charged.

CASE REMANDED.

Ng Sau-ching, a storekeeper, and Tong Wai-kwan, a clerk, both employed by the H.K. Telephone Co., were charged at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with the theft of 40 telephone instruments from the company's store in Cameron Road on June 7.

The value of the instruments is about \$1,000.

The case was remanded until Monday, when Mr. F. H. Loseby will appear for first accused, and Mr. M. A. da Silva for the second. Bail of \$1,000 each was allowed.

### THEFT OF WATCH.

EVIDENCE GIVEN BY  
EUROPEAN.

ILLEGALLY PAWNED.

Two charges were preferred against Wu Chiu at the Kowloon Police Court, this morning, receiving a gold wrist watch, the property of Mr. D. C. Wilson, and illegally pawning the watch on May 26.

Mr. D. C. Wilson identified the watch as his, and said that it had been stolen together with his coat on May 25 while he was visiting friends at Aimal Villas.

Accused said that the watch was handed to him by a man whom he did not know.

It was stated that he ran an opium divan, and was in the habit of giving his customers credit for stolen goods.

Three months' imprisonment was imposed on the first charge, and a fine of \$250 or three months' jail on the second charge, the terms to run concurrently.

### FUTURE OF OPERA.

TO BE SUBSIDISED BY THE  
GOVERNMENT.

AGREEMENT WITH B.B.C.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
Provisions for subsidising the Opera are contained in an agreement between the British Broadcasting Corporation and the Covent Garden Syndicates, the terms of which have now been completed. The Postmaster General stated in the House of Commons that the terms of the agreement would be laid before Parliament as soon as they were executed.—British Wireless Service.

### DISTANCE RECORD.

ATTEMPT TO REACH  
BUCHAREST IN A DAY.

BRITON'S SOLO FLIGHT.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
Flying a Puss Moth machine Mr. Jackman left London at 3.30 a.m. in an attempt to reach Bucharest in one day. If successful the flight will establish a record distance for a light aeroplane in one day.—British Wireless Service.

### IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

Rugby, Yesterday.  
The Prime Minister announced to-day that the Dominions Secretary would make a statement tomorrow in the House of Commons concerning the forthcoming Imperial Economic Conference.—British Wireless Service.

## AMUSEMENTS

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